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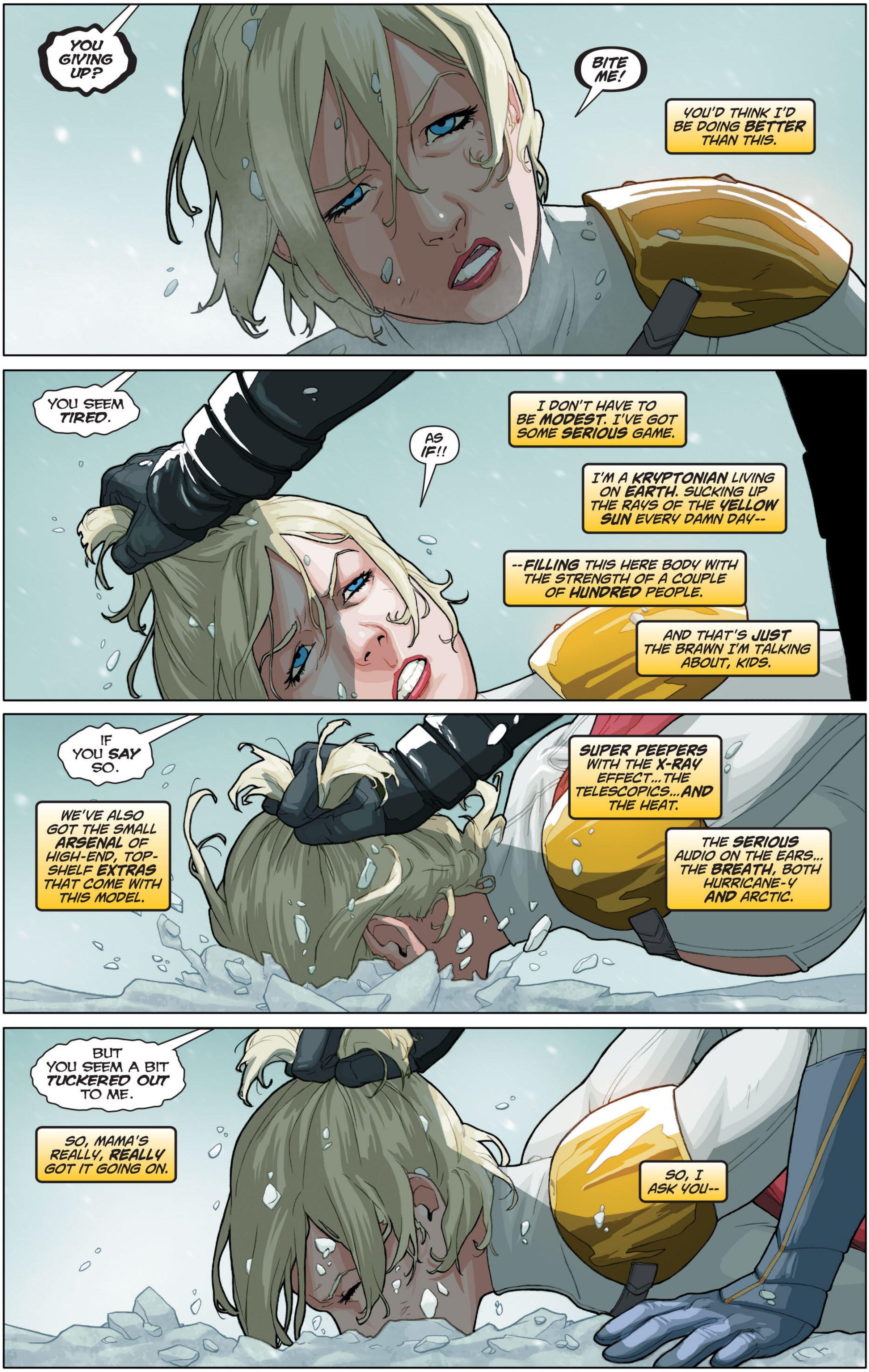
YOU GIVING UP?
BITE ME!
YOU'D THINK I'D BE DOING BETTER THAN THIS.
YOU SEEM TIRED.
AS IF!!
I DON'T HAVE TO BE MODEST. I'VE GOT SOME SERIOUS GAME.
I'M A KRYPTONIAN LIVING ON EARTH. SUCKING UP THE RAYS OF THE YELLOW SUN EVERY DAMN DAY--
--FILLING THIS HERE BODY WITH THE STRENGTH OF A COUPLE OF HUNDRED PEOPLE.
AND THAT'S JUST THE BRAWN I'M TALKING ABOUT, KIDS.
IF YOU SAY SO.
WE'VE ALSO GOT THE SMALL ARSENAL OF HIGH-END, TOP-SHELF EXTRAS THAT COME WITH THIS MODEL.
SUPER PEEPERS WITH THE X-RAY EFFECT...THE TELESCOPICS...AND THE HEAT.
THE SERIOUS AUDIO ON THE EARS... THE BREATH, BOTH HURRICANE-Y AND ARCTIC.
BUT YOU SEEM A BIT TUCKERED OUT TO ME.
SO, MAMA'S REALLY, REALLY GOT IT GOING ON.
SO, I ASK YOU--

--WHY, OH, WHY DO I KEEP GETTING MY ASS KICKED?!
WE REALLY DON'T HAVE TO FIGHT. AT LEAST--NOT ANYMORE.
I'VE GOT WHAT I NEEDED. I'M HAPPY JUST TO MOVE ON.
WELL, AS MUCH AS YOUR HAPPINESS IS SO VERY IMPORTANT TO ME--
--I'M KIND OF A GOAL-ORIENTED SORT OF GAL.
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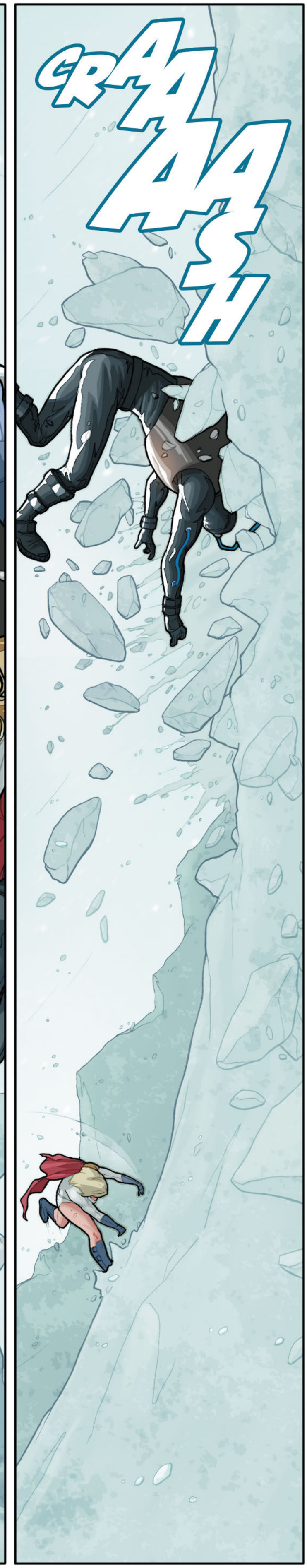
I START A PROJECT... I JUST DON'T FEEL RIGHT UNLESS--

--I FINISH IT!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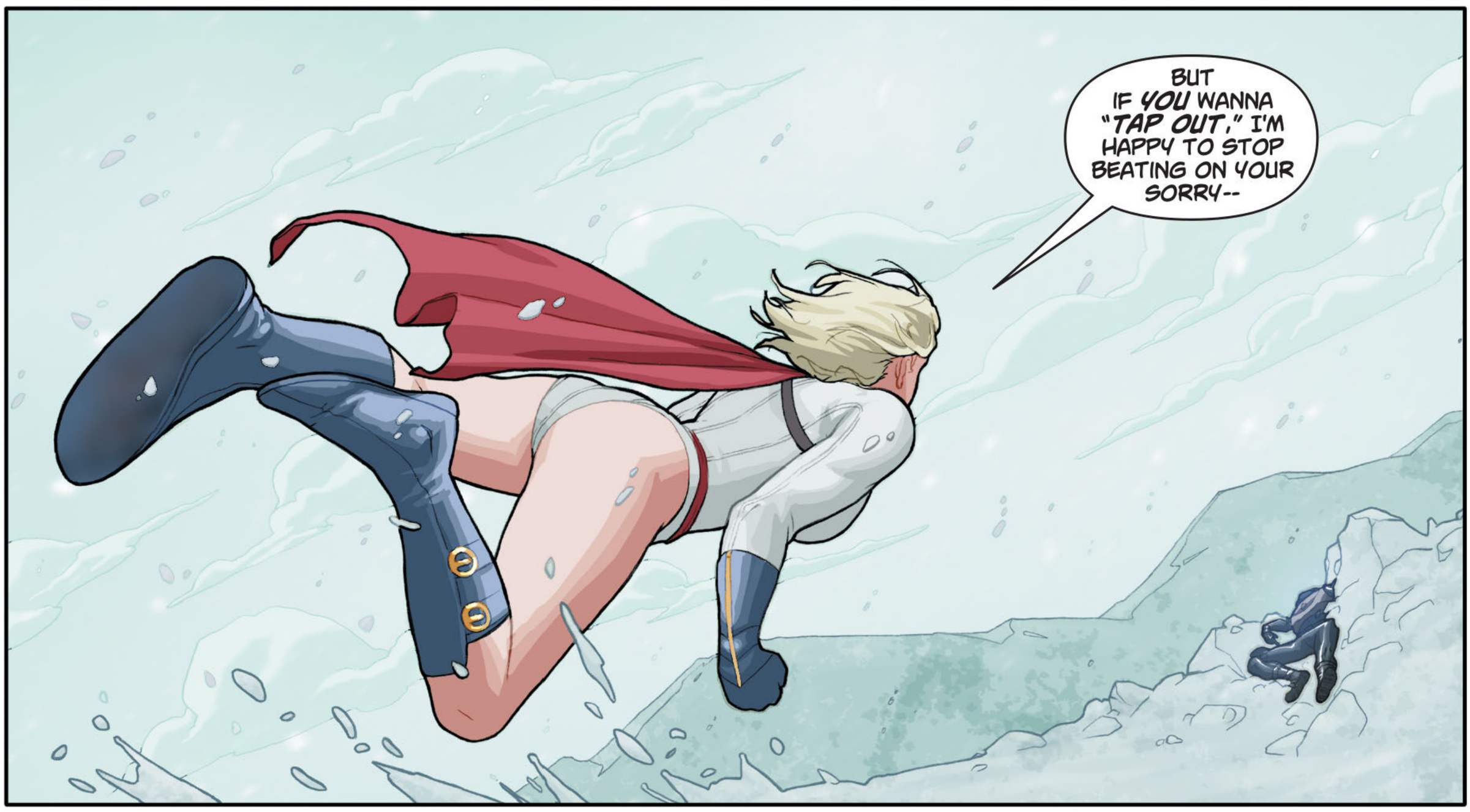
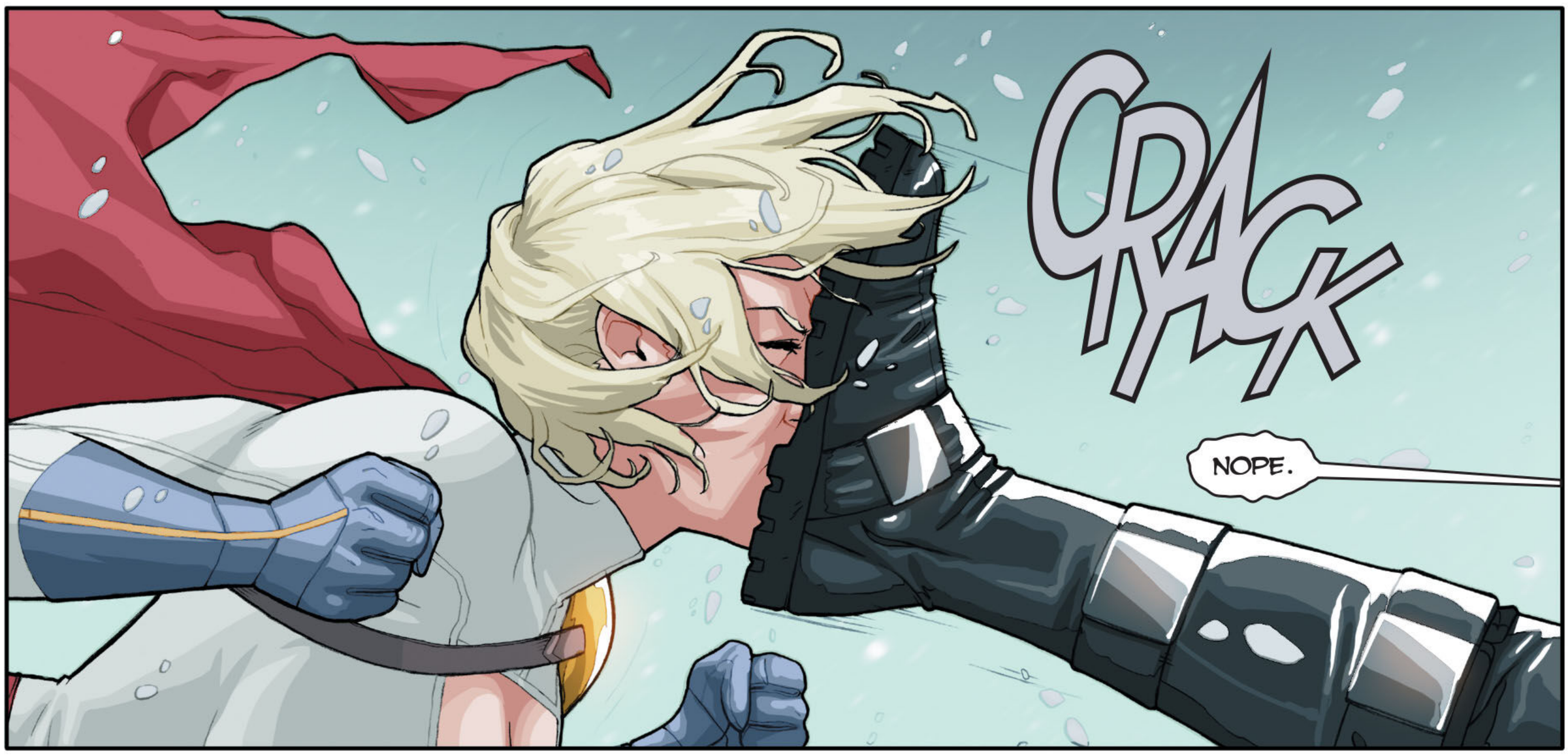

BUT IF *YOU* WANNA "*TAP OUT*," I'M HAPPY TO STOP BEATING ON YOUR SORRY--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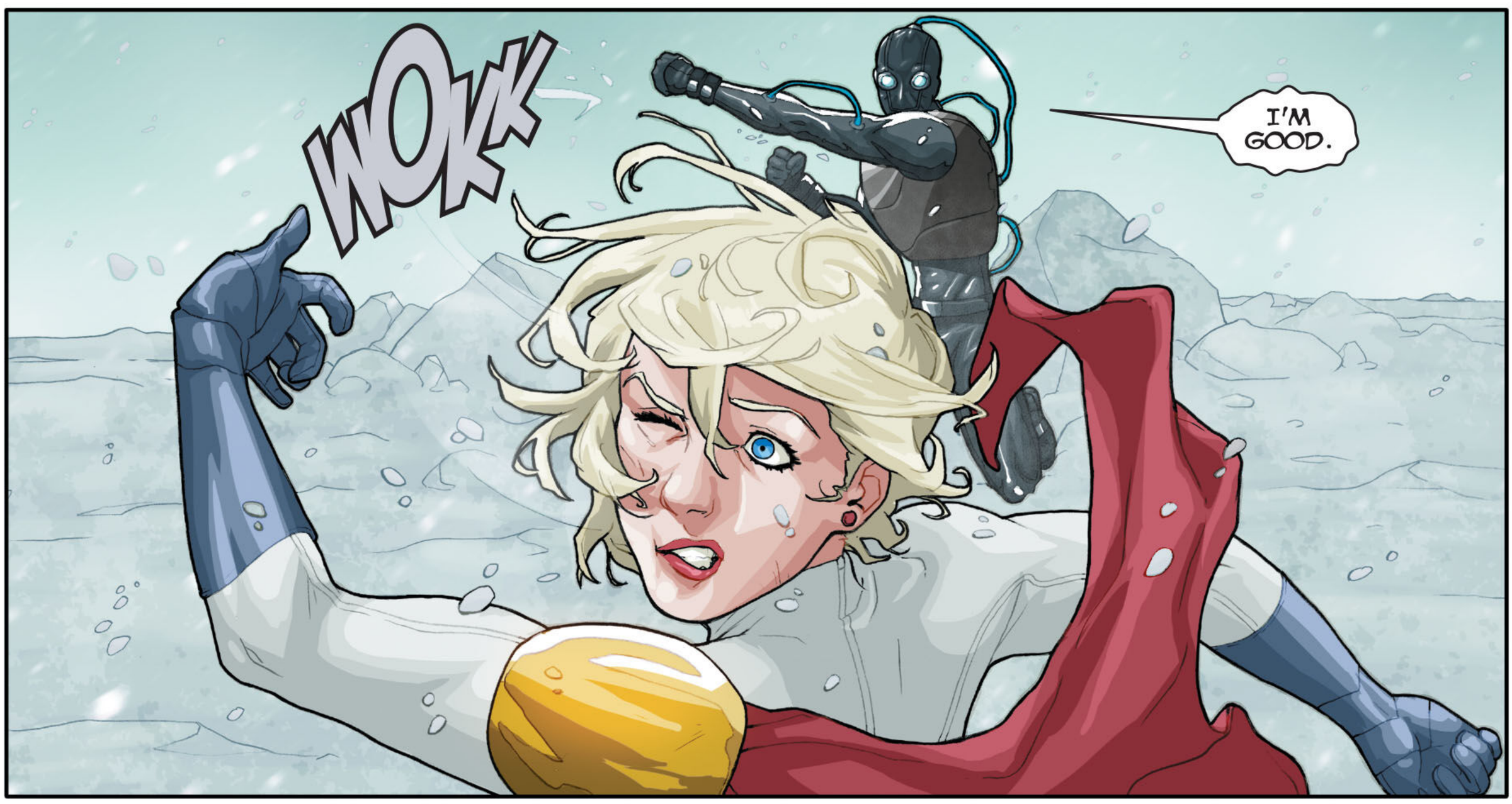
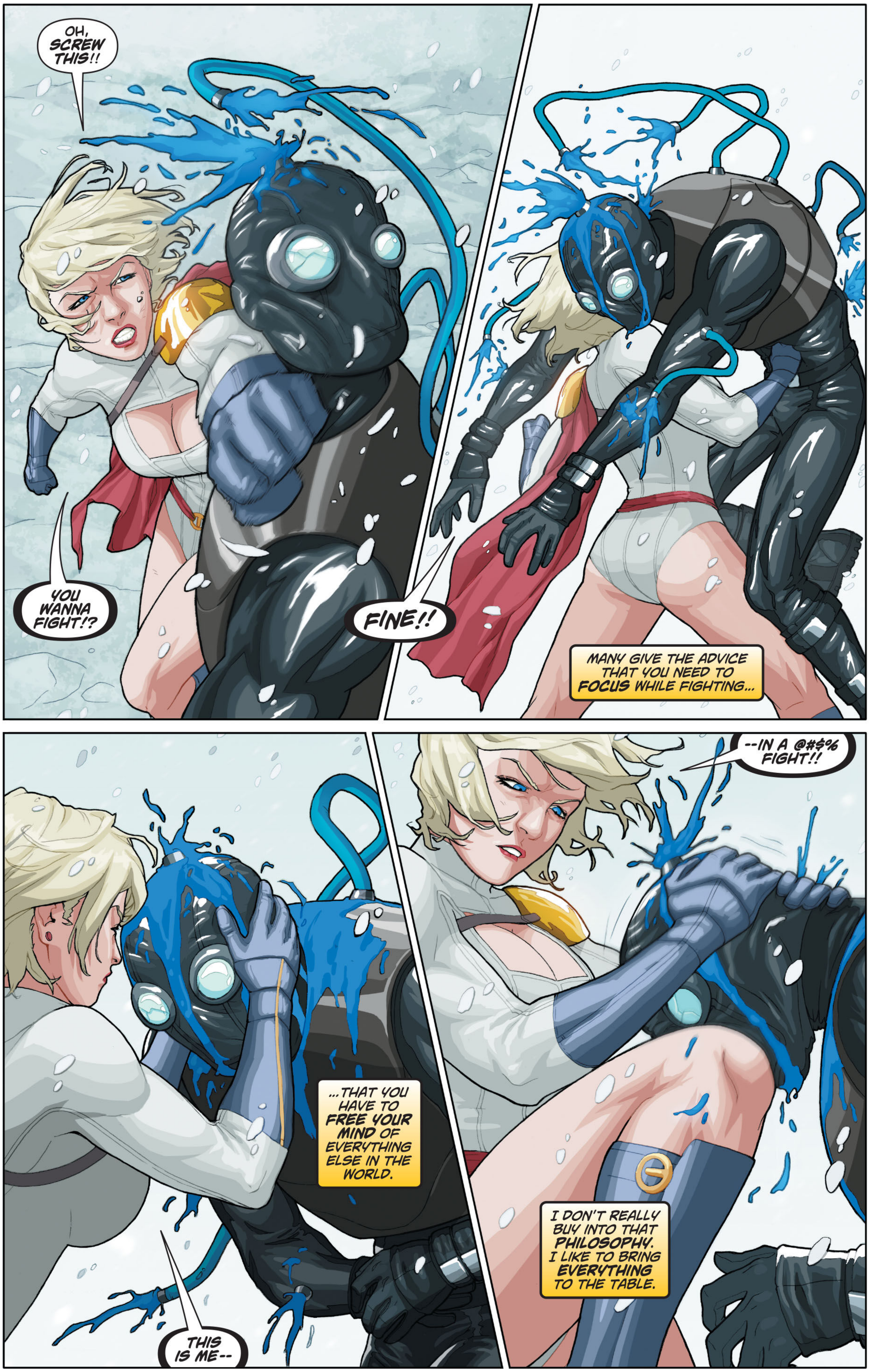
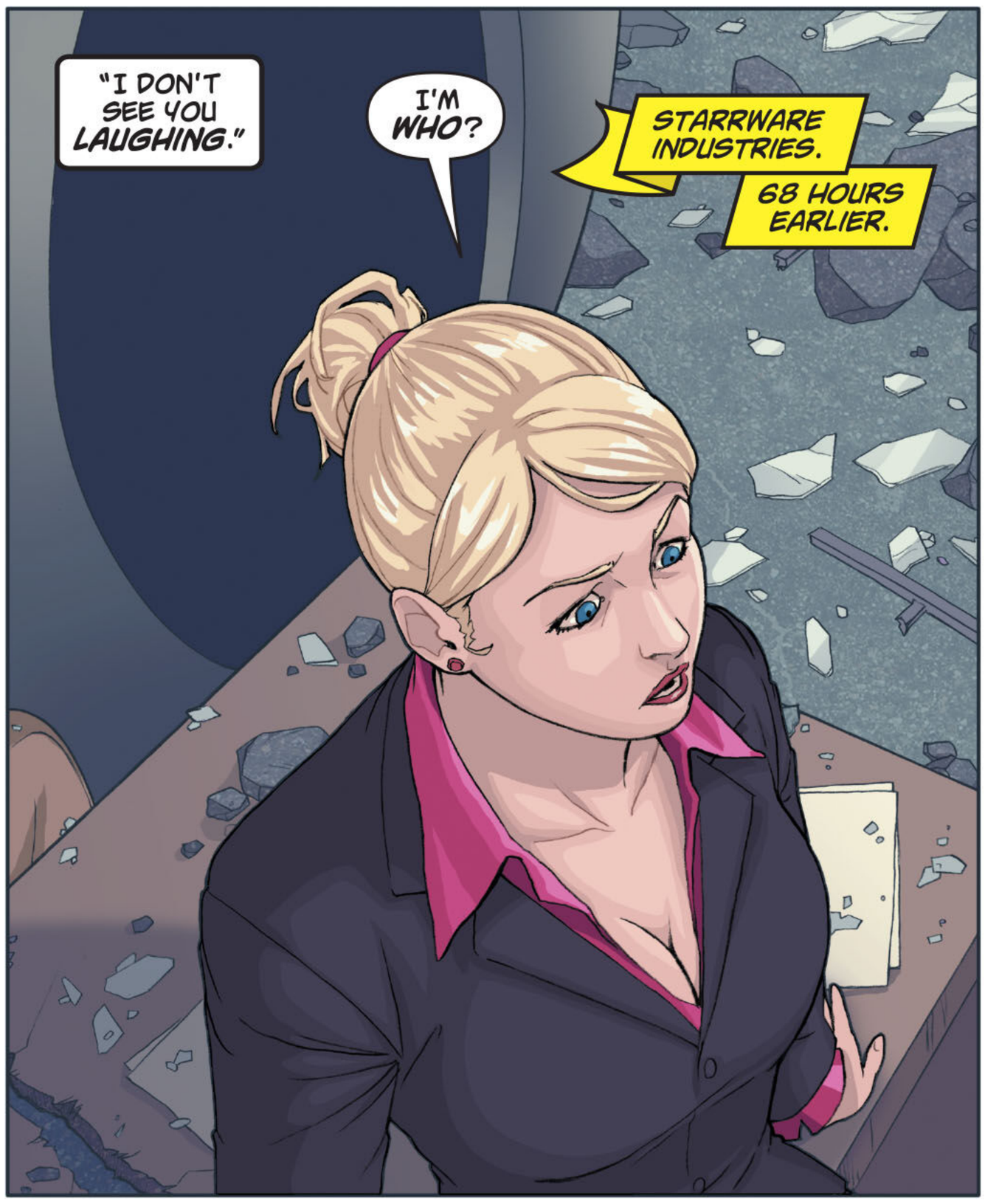
NOPE.

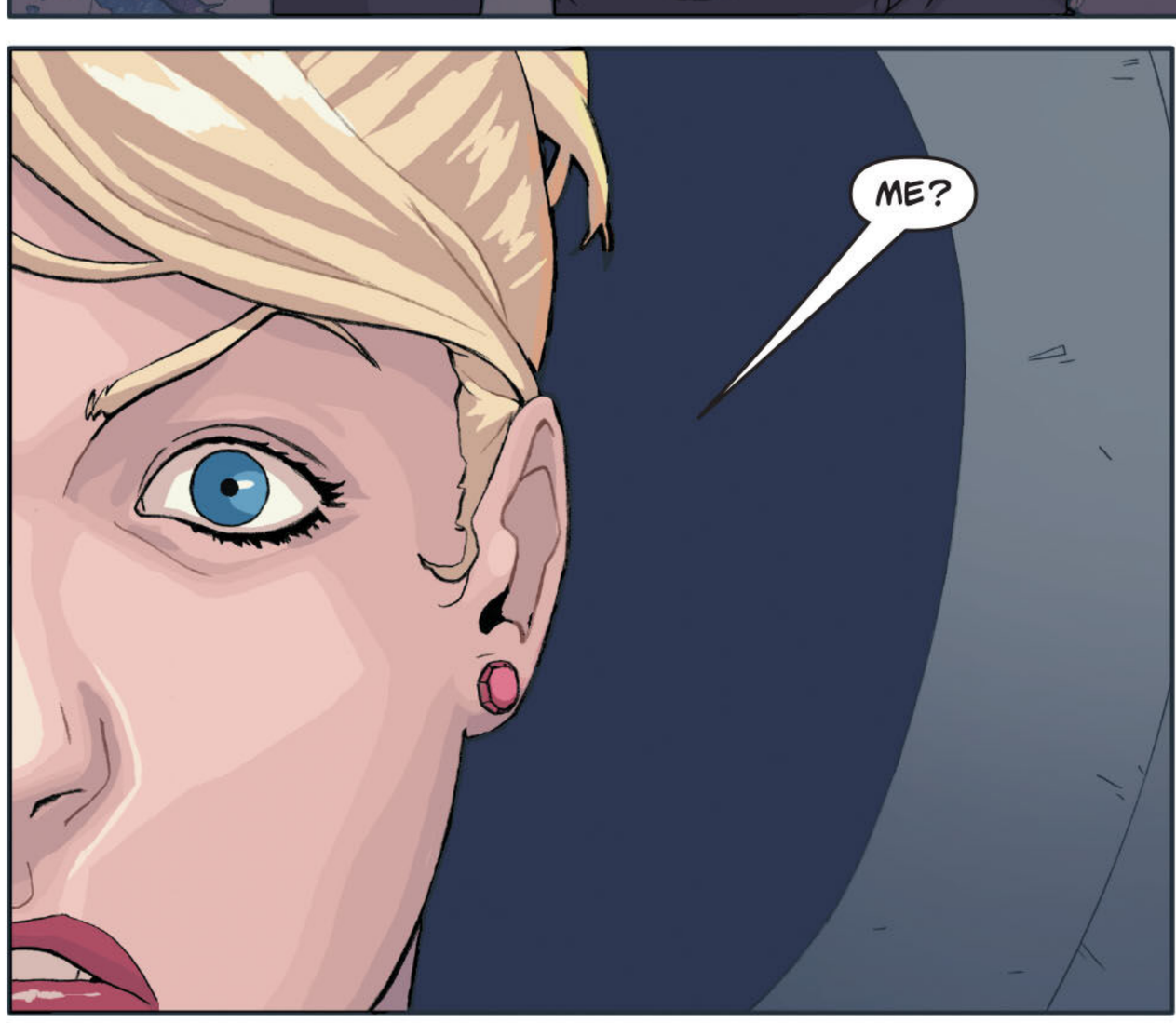

WOKK
I'M GOOD.

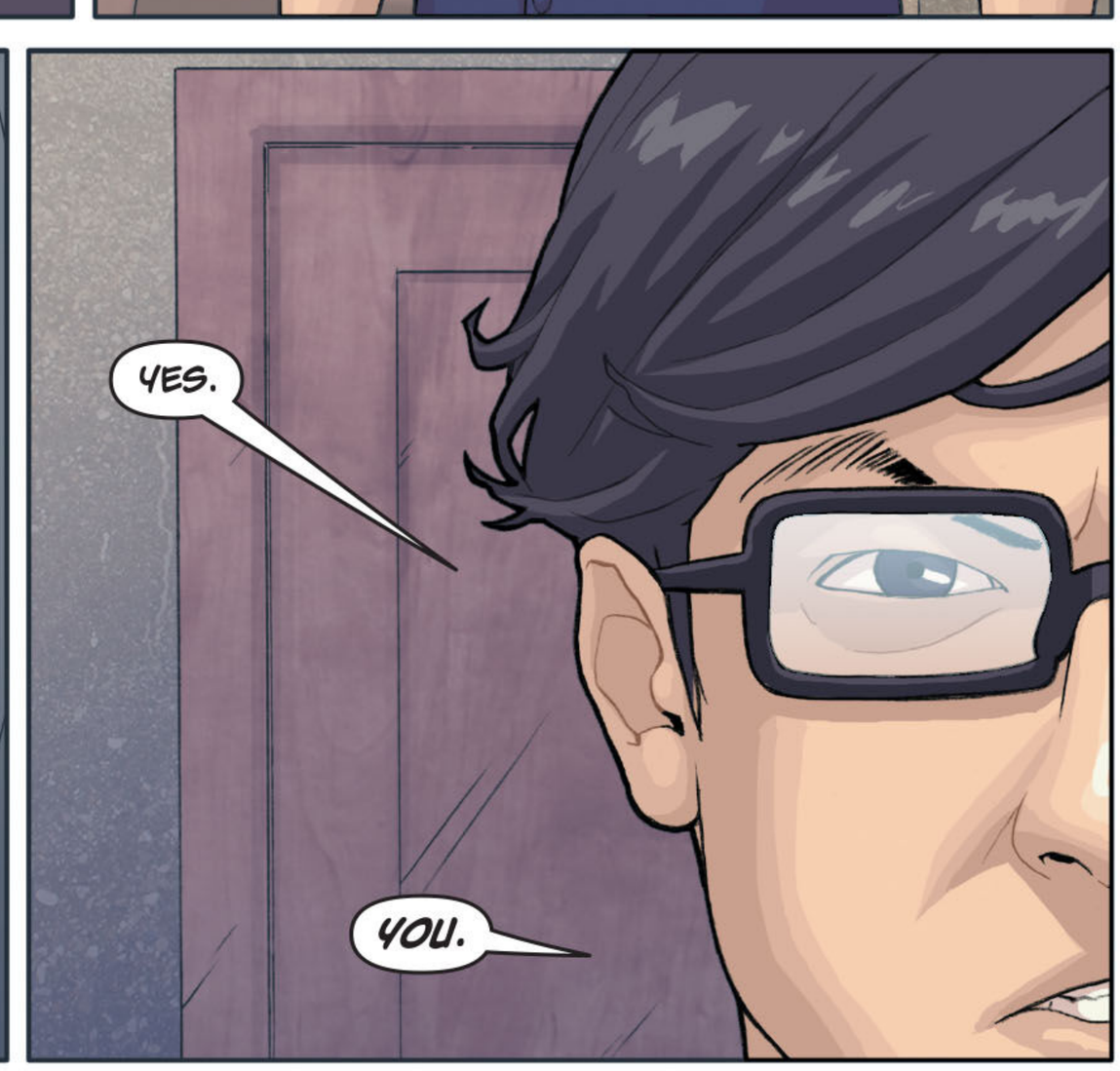

OH, SCREW THIS!!
YOU WANNA FIGHT!?
FINE!!
MANY GIVE THE ADVICE THAT YOU NEED TO FOCUS WHILE FIGHTING...
--IN A @#$% FIGHT!!
...THAT YOU HAVE TO FREE YOUR MIND OF EVERYTHING ELSE IN THE WORLD.
I DON'T REALLY BUY INTO THAT PHILOSOPHY. I LIKE TO BRING EVERYTHING TO THE TABLE.
THIS IS ME--

EVERY MOTIVATION.
EVERY GRUDGE.
EVERYTHING THAT'S PISSING ME OFF.
EVERYTHING THAT'S BROUGHT ME TO THIS BATTLE.
I'M NOT SAYING THAT IT'S THE BEST APPROACH.
IT'S JUST MY APPROACH.
BUT I WON'T LIE TO YOU. LACK OF FOCUS SOMETIMES IS A PROBLEM.
YOU HAVE GOT TO BE JOKING.
YOU MISS A FEW DETAILS.
AND YOU CAN WIND UP GETTING PANTSED.
WHY? Y'THINK IT'S FUNNY?

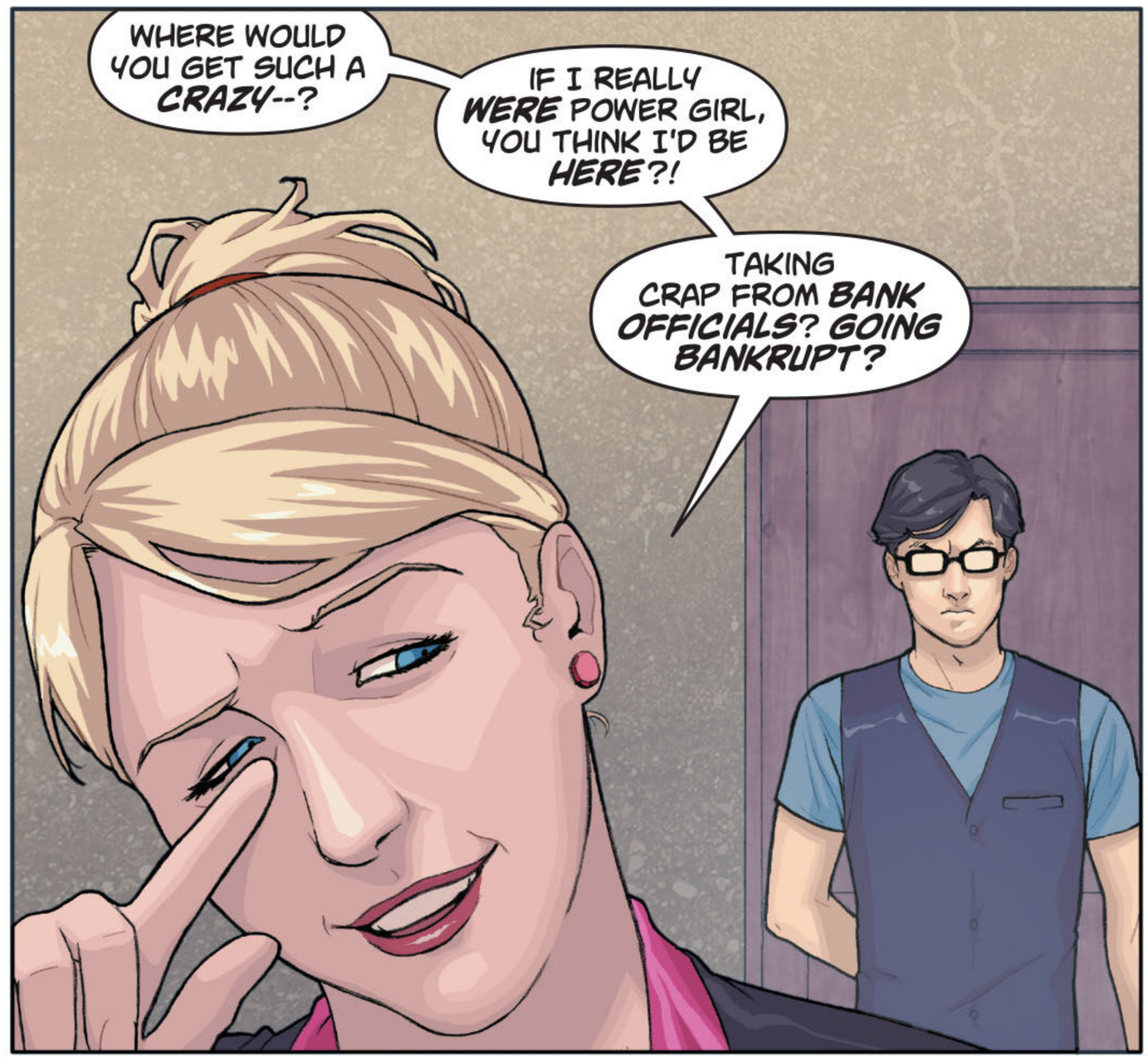

"I DON'T SEE YOU LAUGHING."
I'M WHO?
STARRWARE INDUSTRIES.
68 HOURS EARLIER.

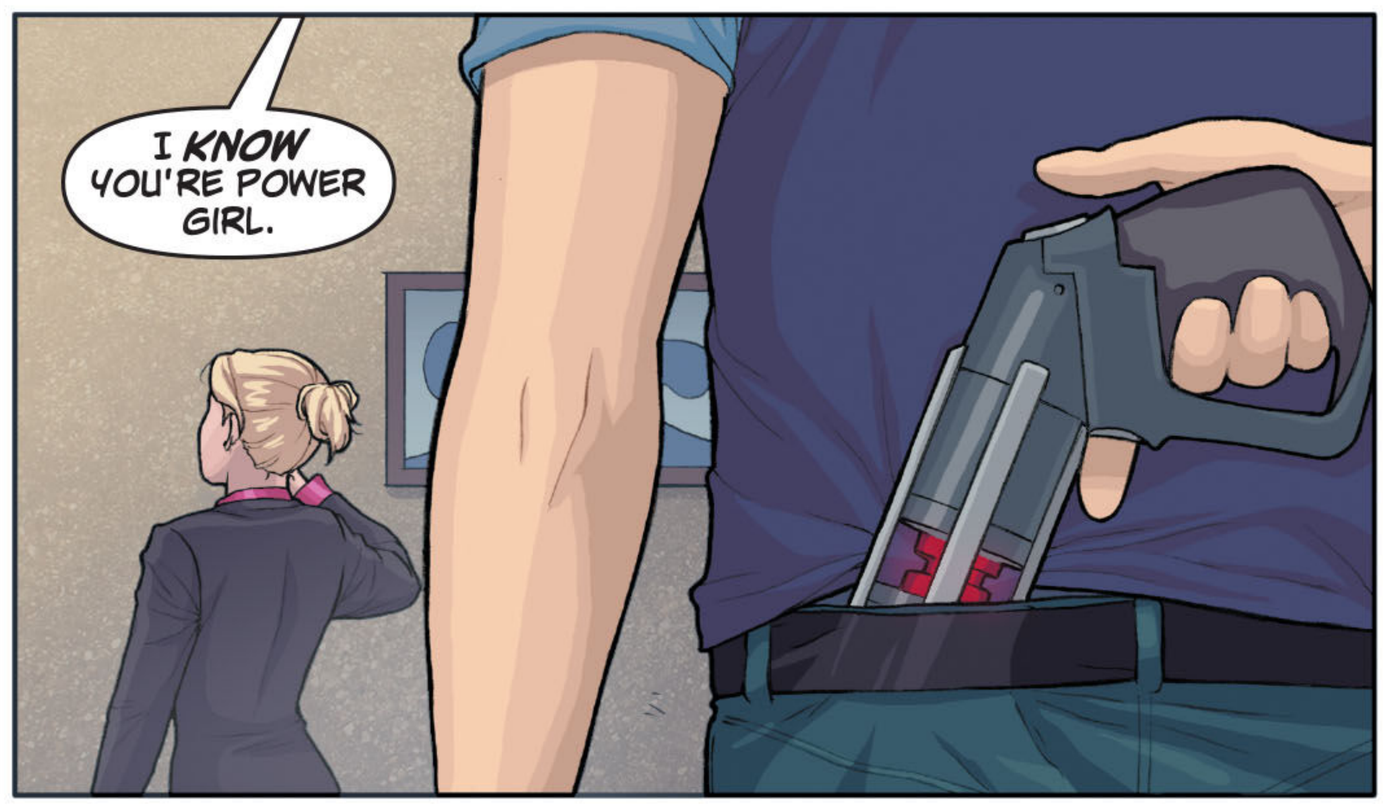
NICHOLAS "NICCO" CHO.
YOU ARE POWER GIRL.

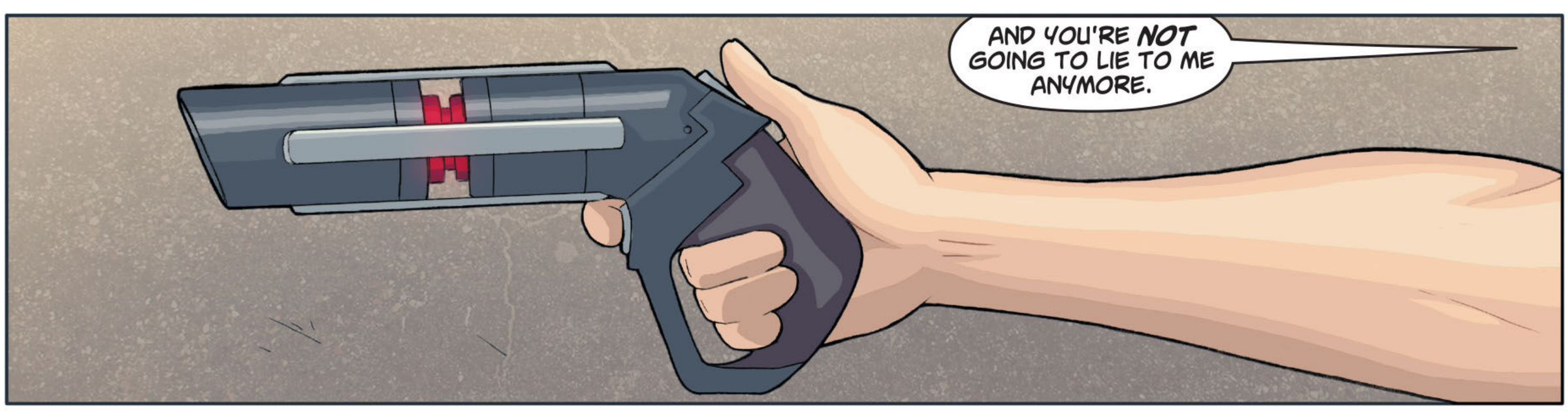

ME?

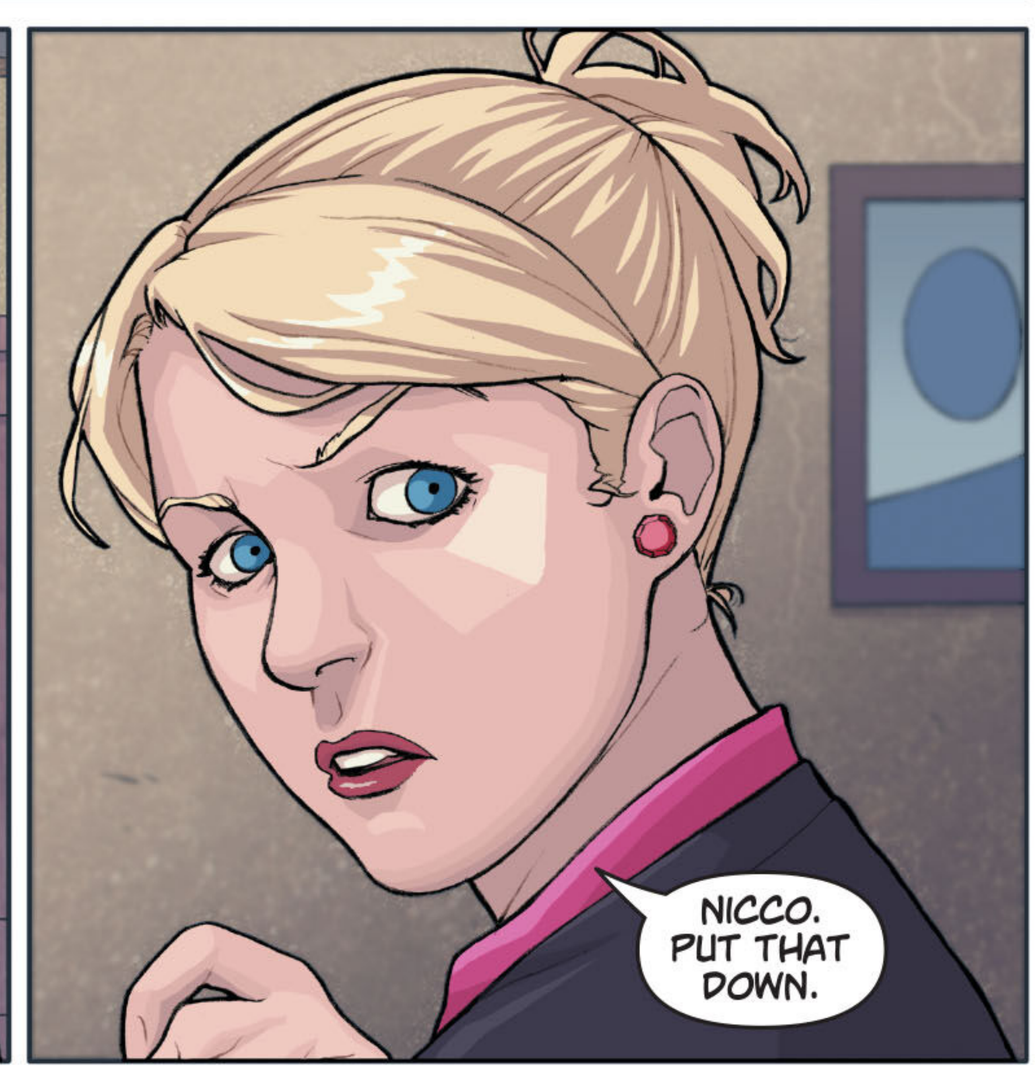

YES.
YOU.

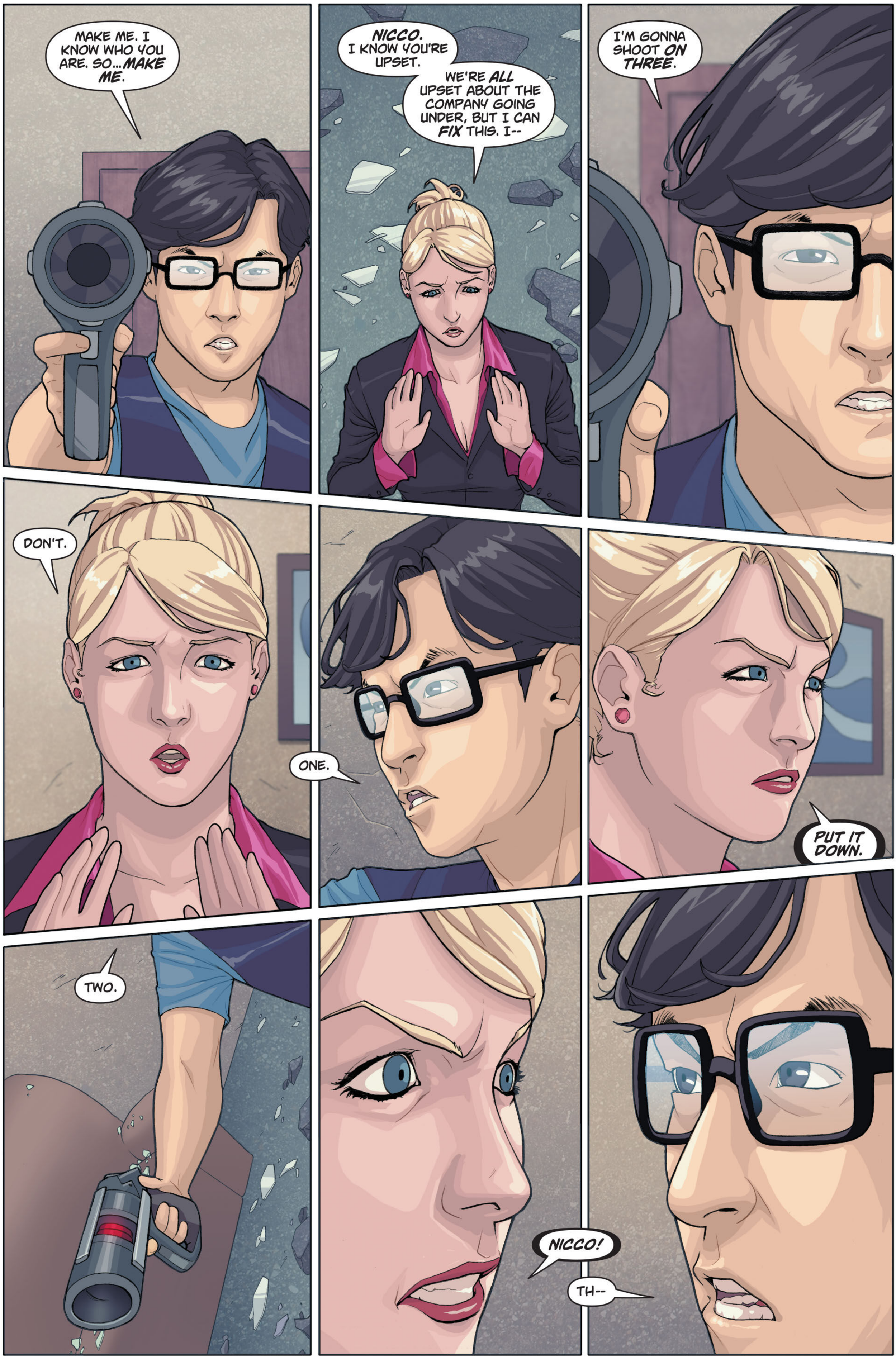
HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA


WHERE WOULD YOU GET SUCH A CRAZY--?
IF I REALLY WERE POWER GIRL, YOU THINK I'D BE HERE?!
TAKING CRAP FROM BANK OFFICIALS? GOING BANKRUPT?

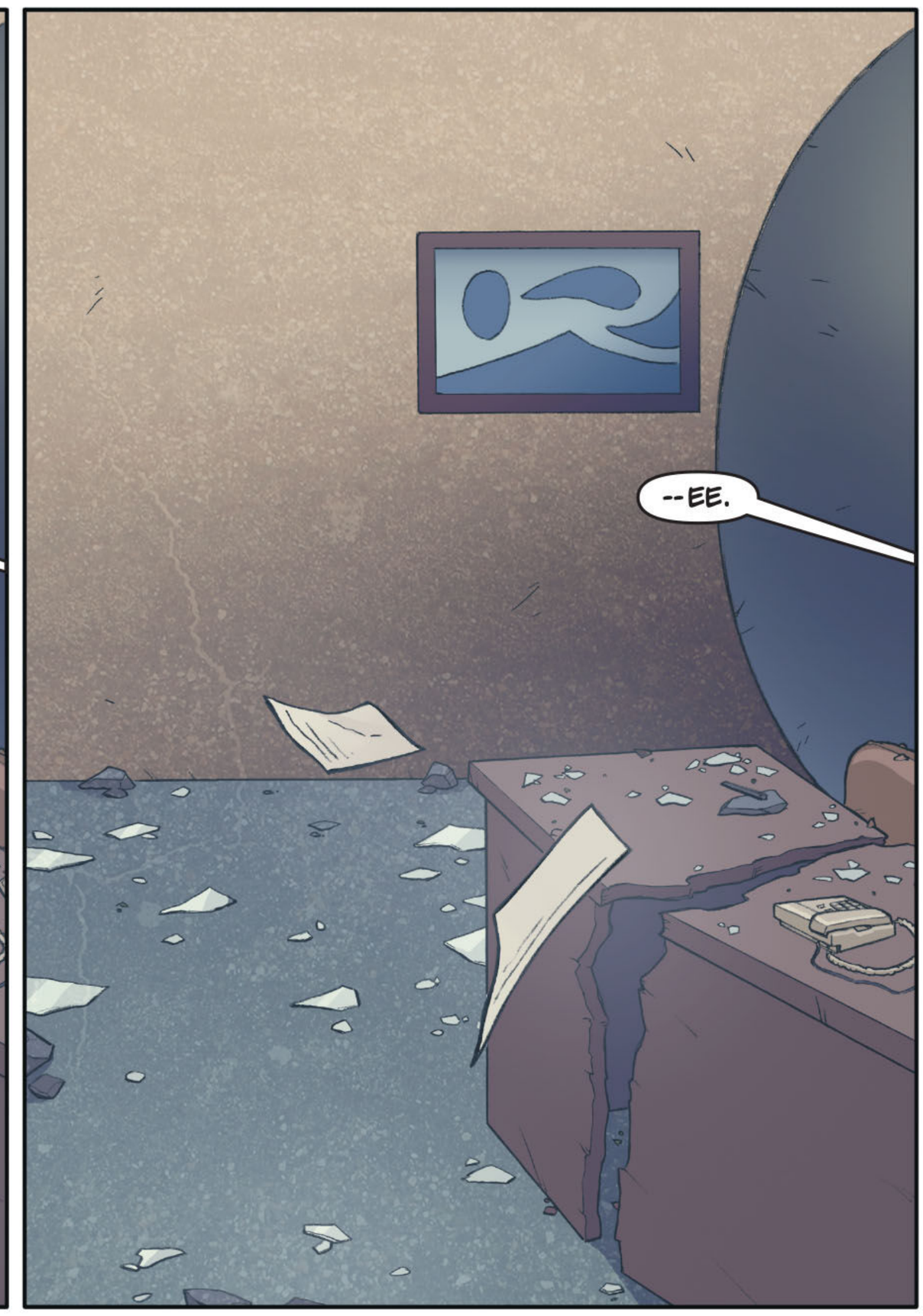

I KNOW YOU'RE POWER GIRL.


AND YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LIE TO ME ANYMORE.


NICCO. PUT THAT DOWN.


MAKE ME. I KNOW WHO YOU ARE. SO...MAKE ME.
NICCO. I KNOW YOU'RE UPSET.
WE'RE ALL UPSET ABOUT THE COMPANY GOING UNDER, BUT I CAN FIX THIS. I--
I'M GONNA SHOOT ON THREE.
DON'T.
ONE.
PUT IT DOWN.
TWO.
NICCO!
TH--

--RE--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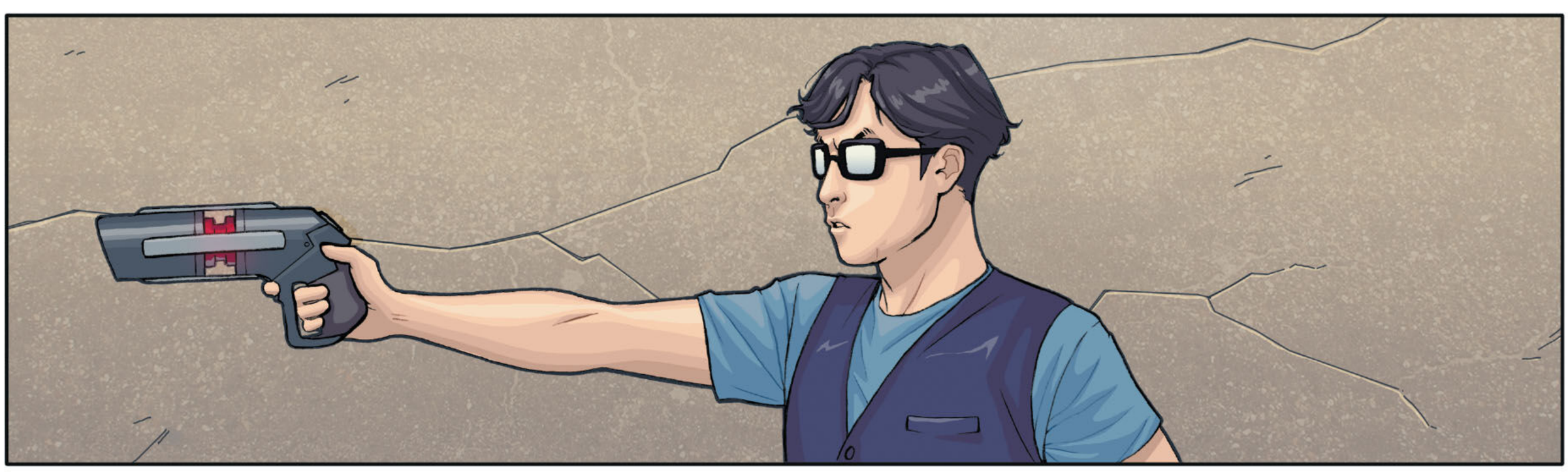

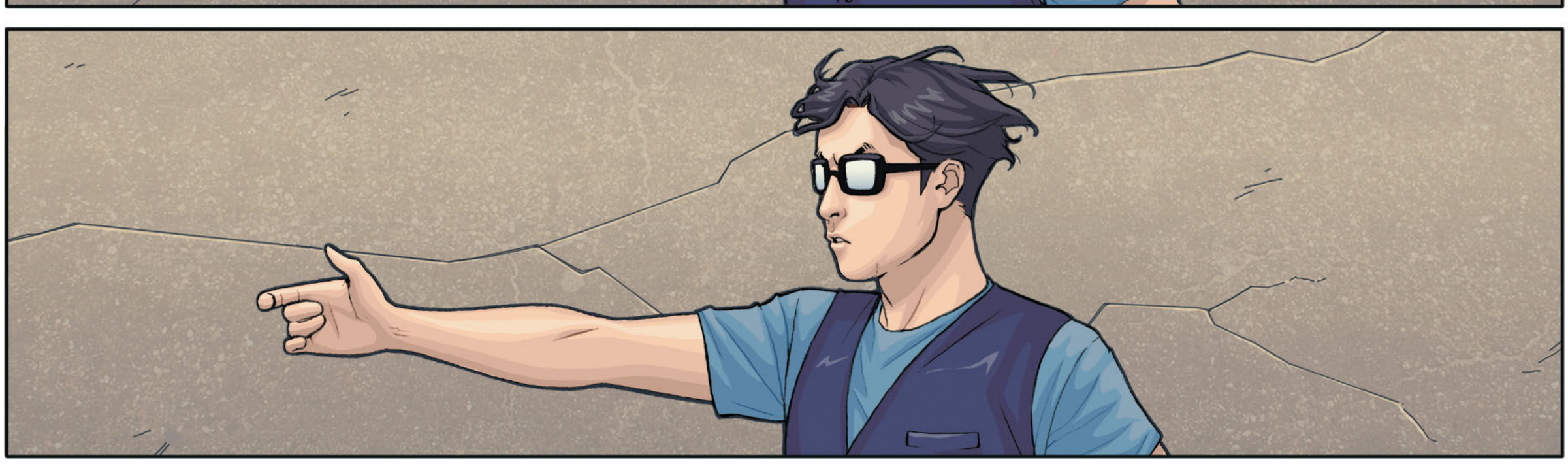

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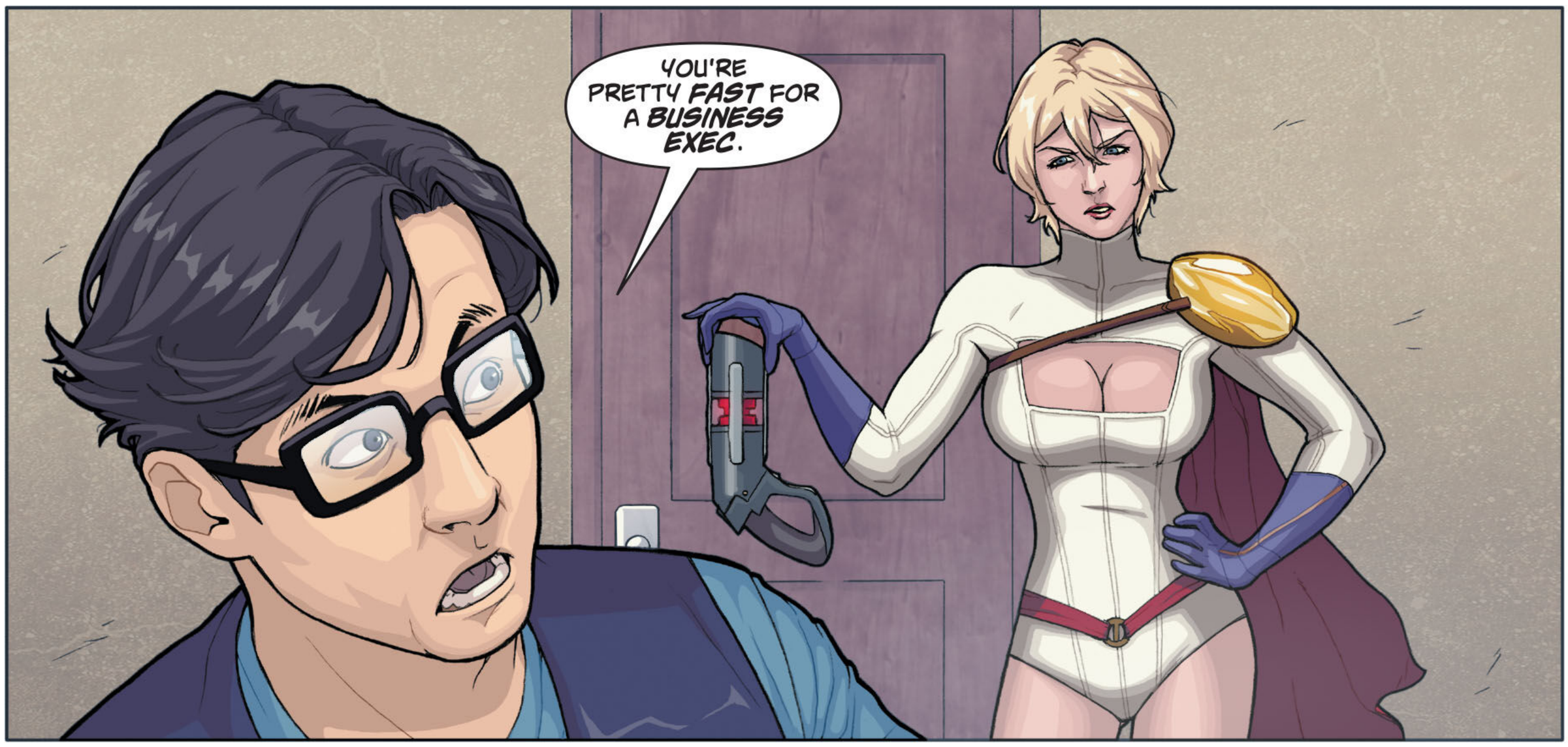
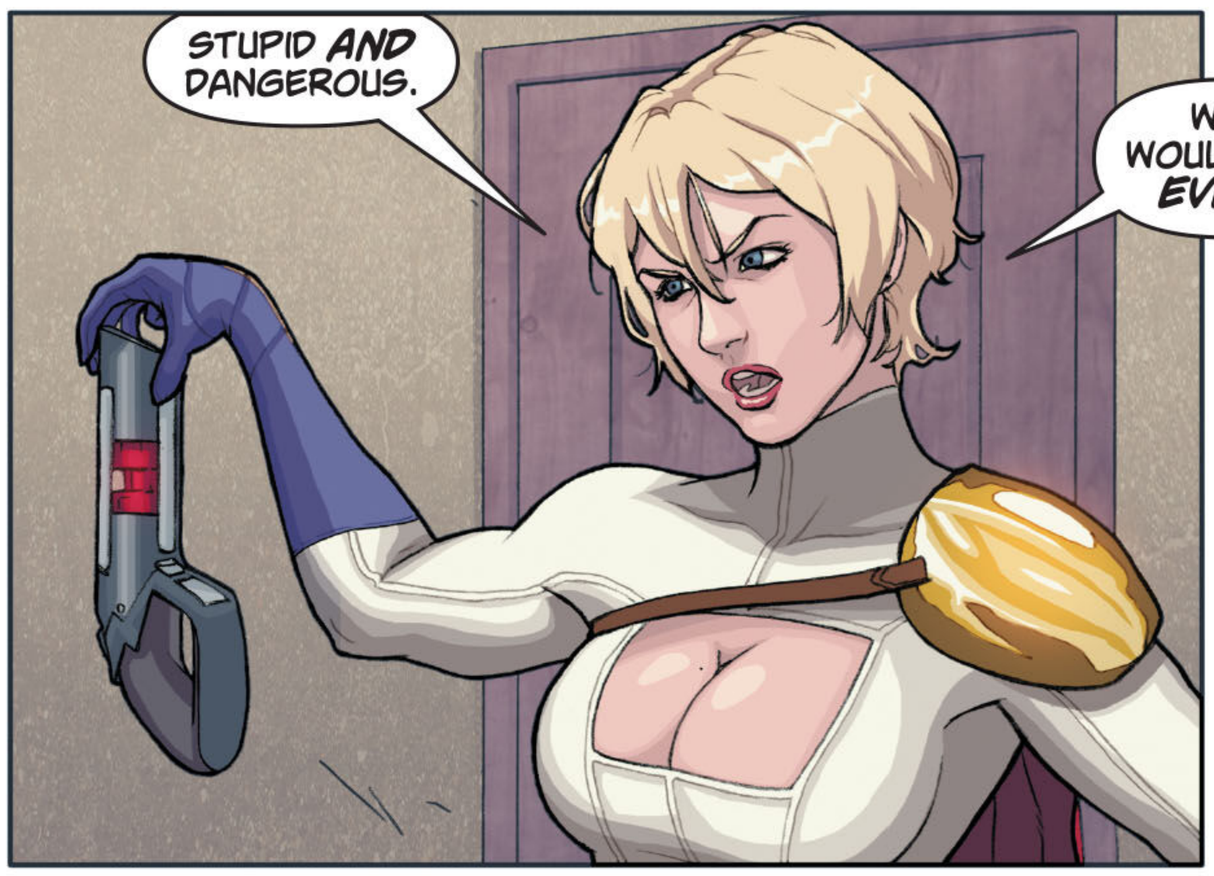
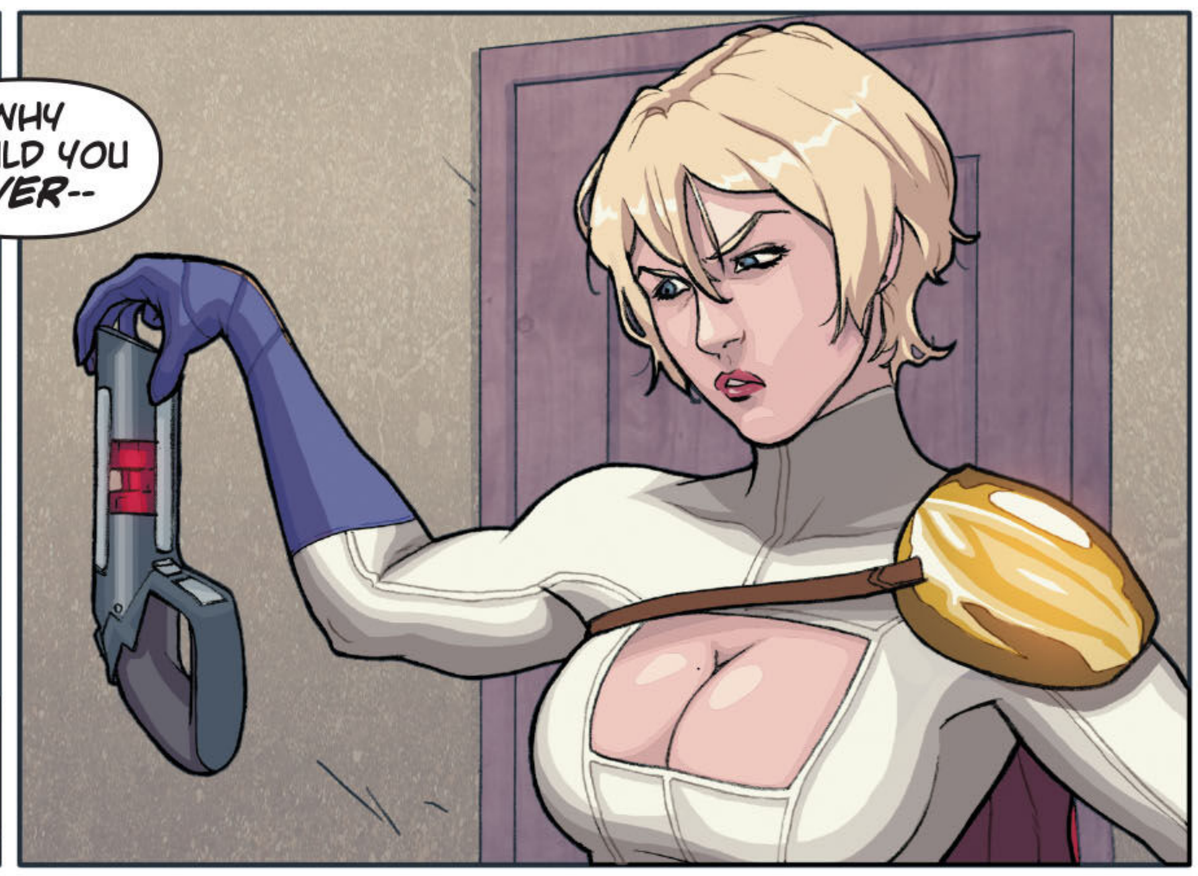
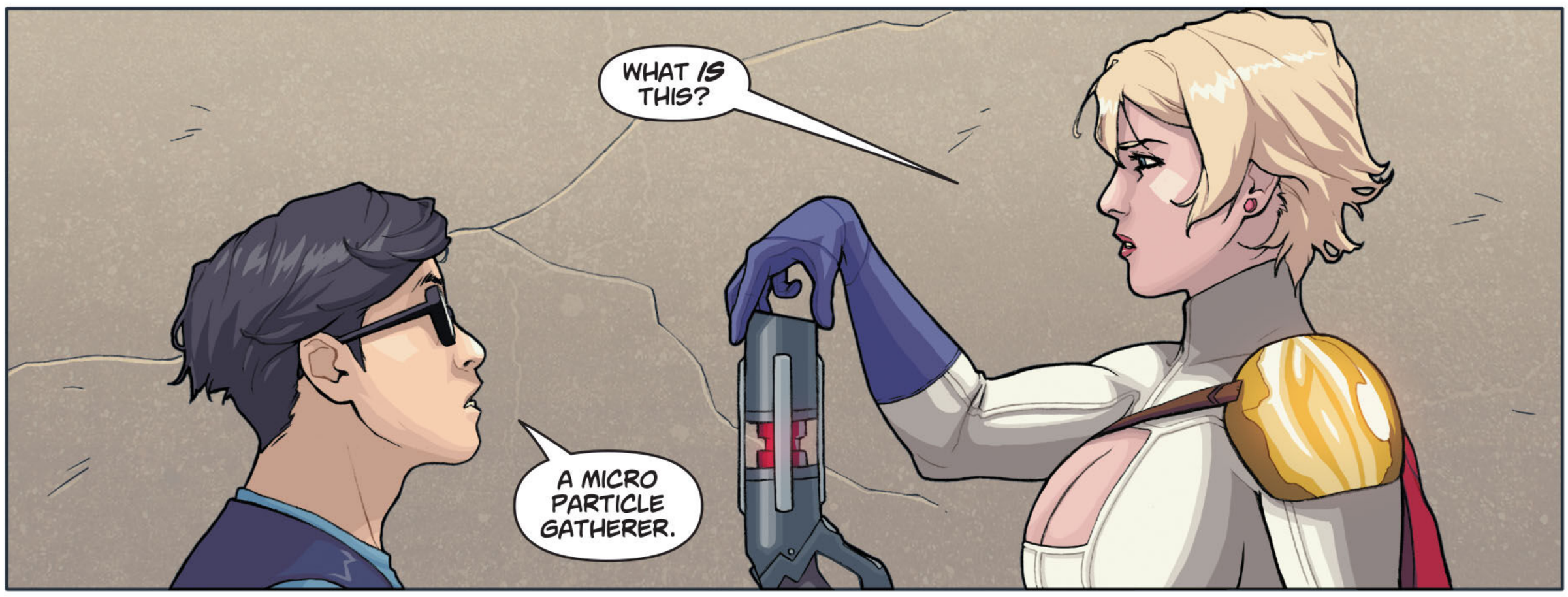
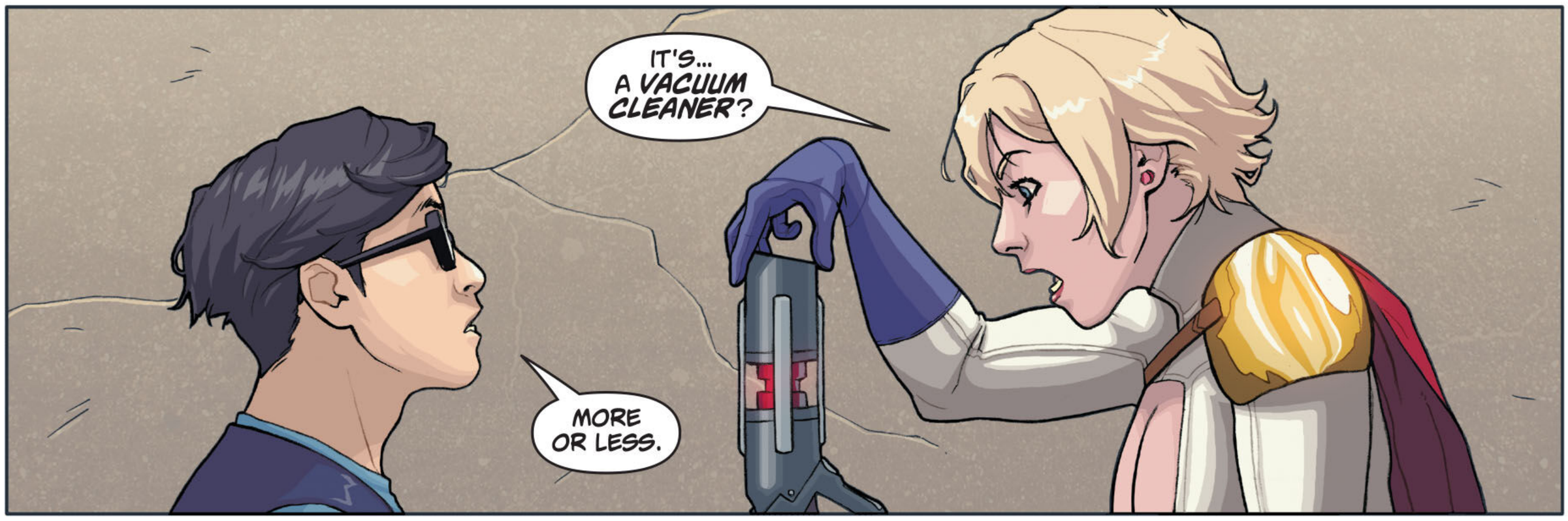
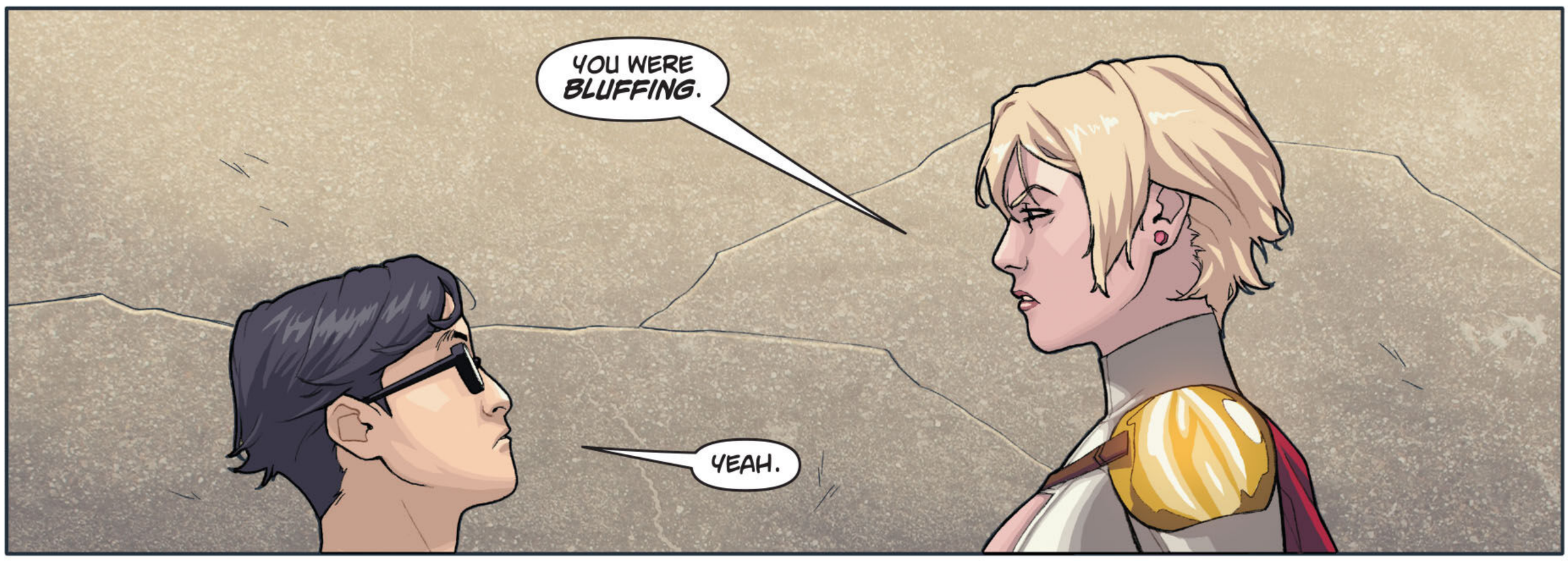

YOU'RE PRETTY FAST FOR A BUSINESS EXEC.

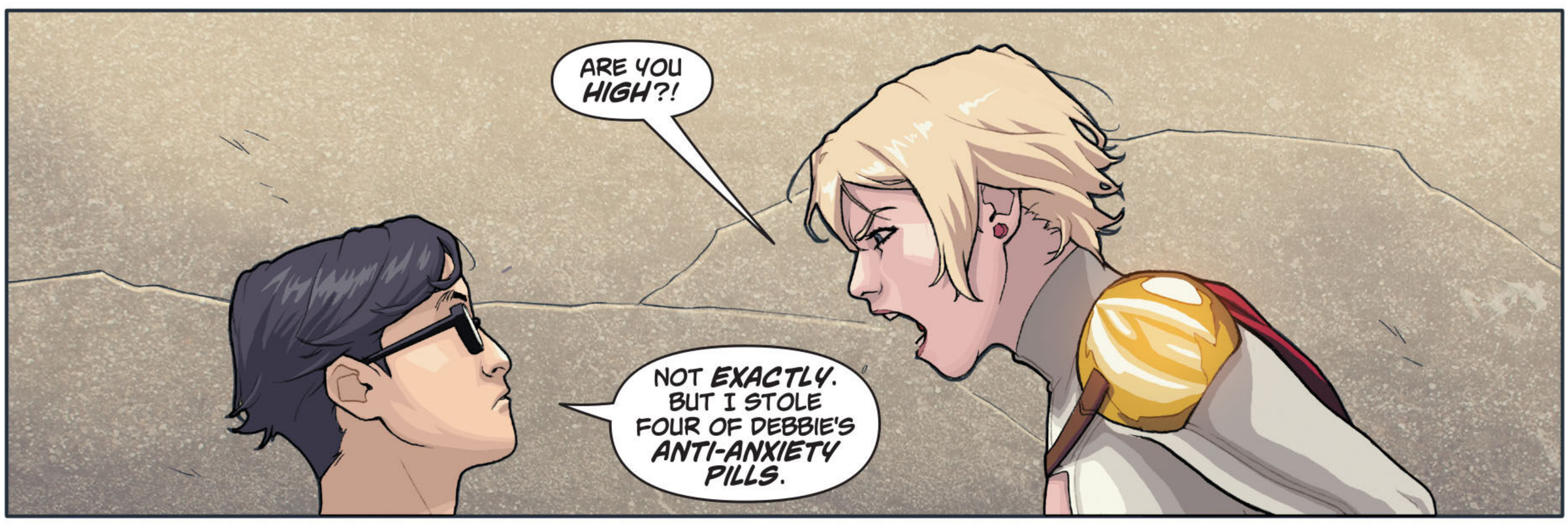

STUPID AND DANGEROUS.

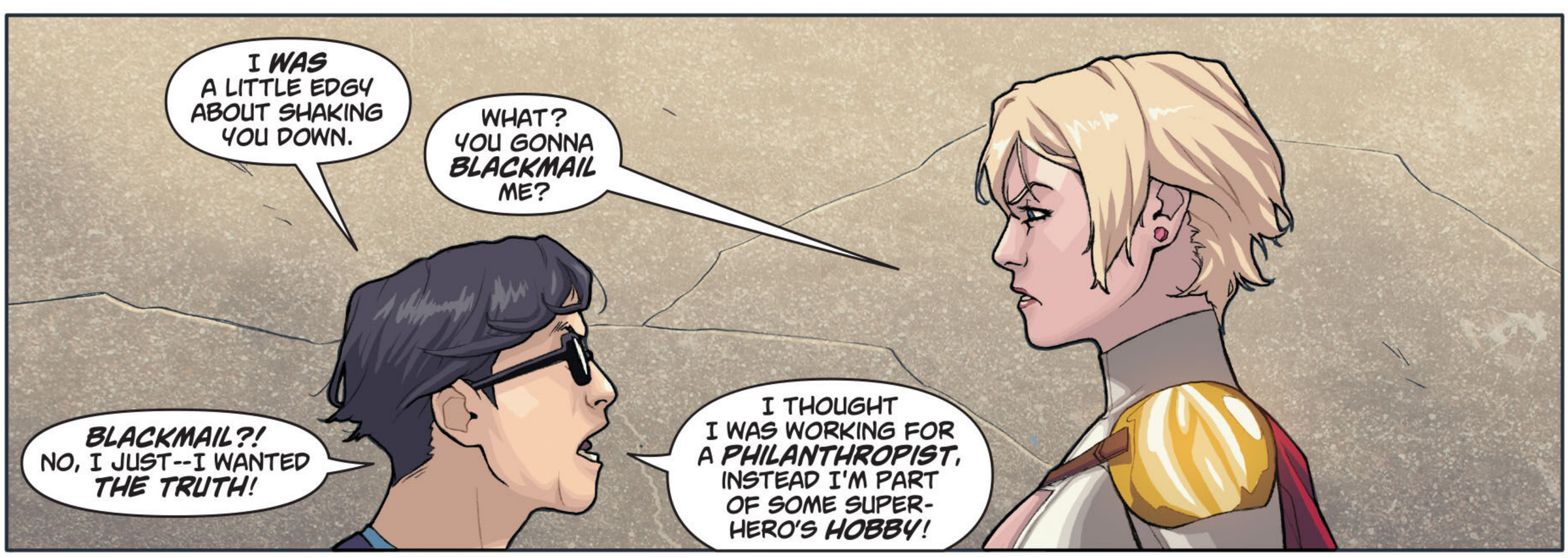

WHY WOULD YOU EVER--

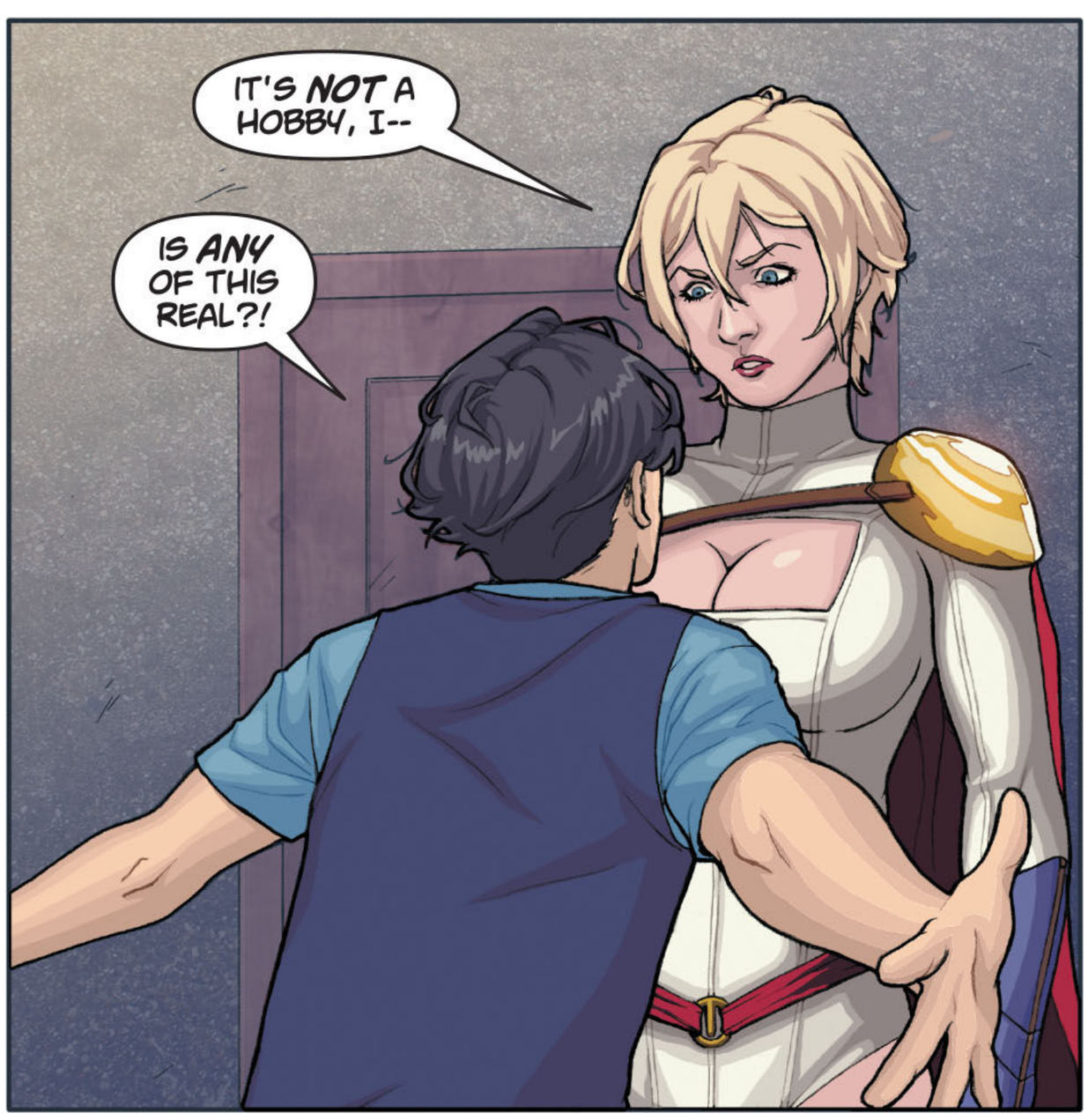

WHAT IS THIS?
A MICRO PARTICLE GATHERER.


IT'S... A VACUUM CLEANER?
MORE OR LESS.

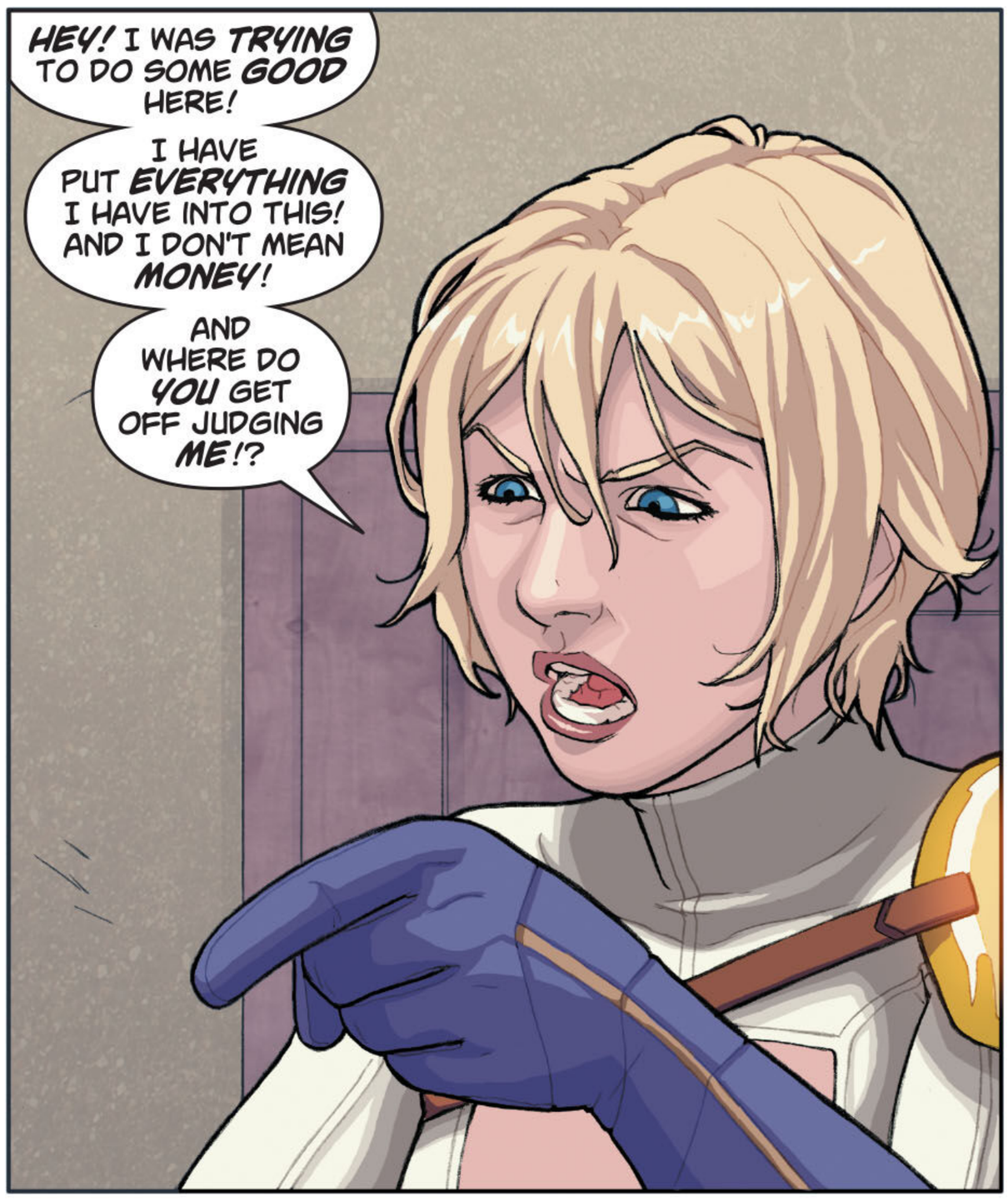

YOU WERE BLUFFING.
YEAH.

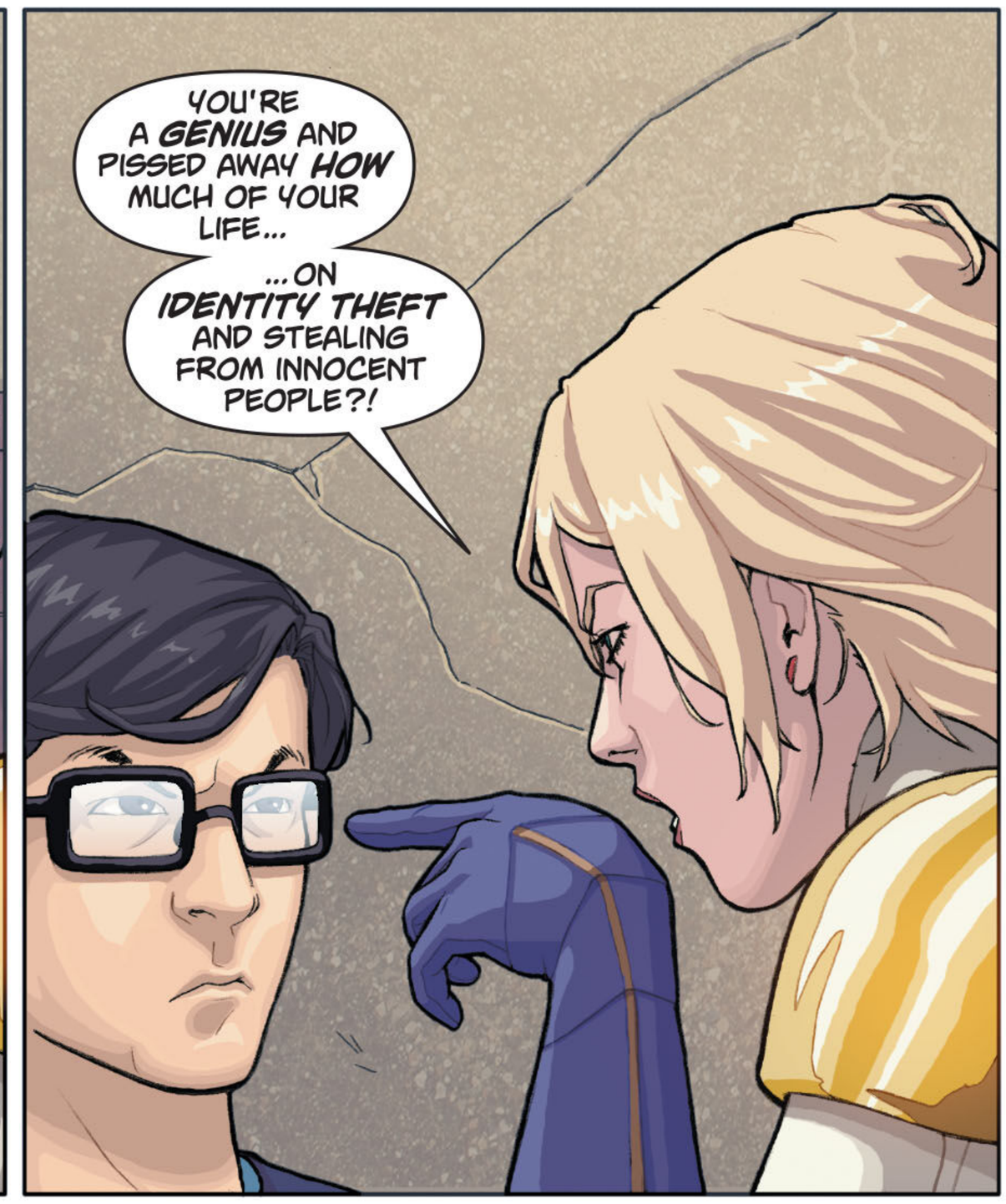

ARE YOU HIGH?!
NOT EXACTLY. BUT I STOLE FOUR OF DEBBIE'S ANTI-ANXIETY PILLS.

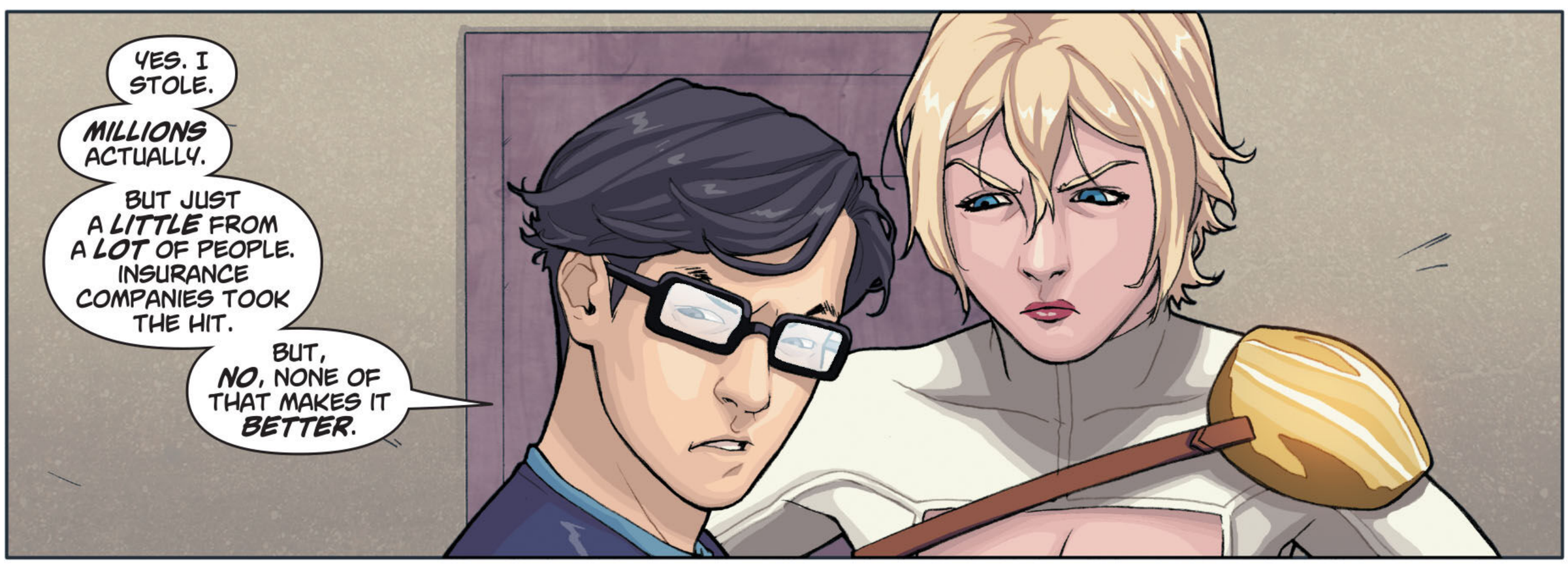

I WAS A LITTLE EDGY ABOUT SHAKING YOU DOWN.
WHAT? YOU GONNA BLACKMAIL ME?
BLACKMAIL?! NO, I JUST--I WANTED THE TRUTH!
I THOUGHT I WAS WORKING FOR A PHILANTHROPIST, INSTEAD I'M PART OF SOME SUPER-HERO'S HOBBY!

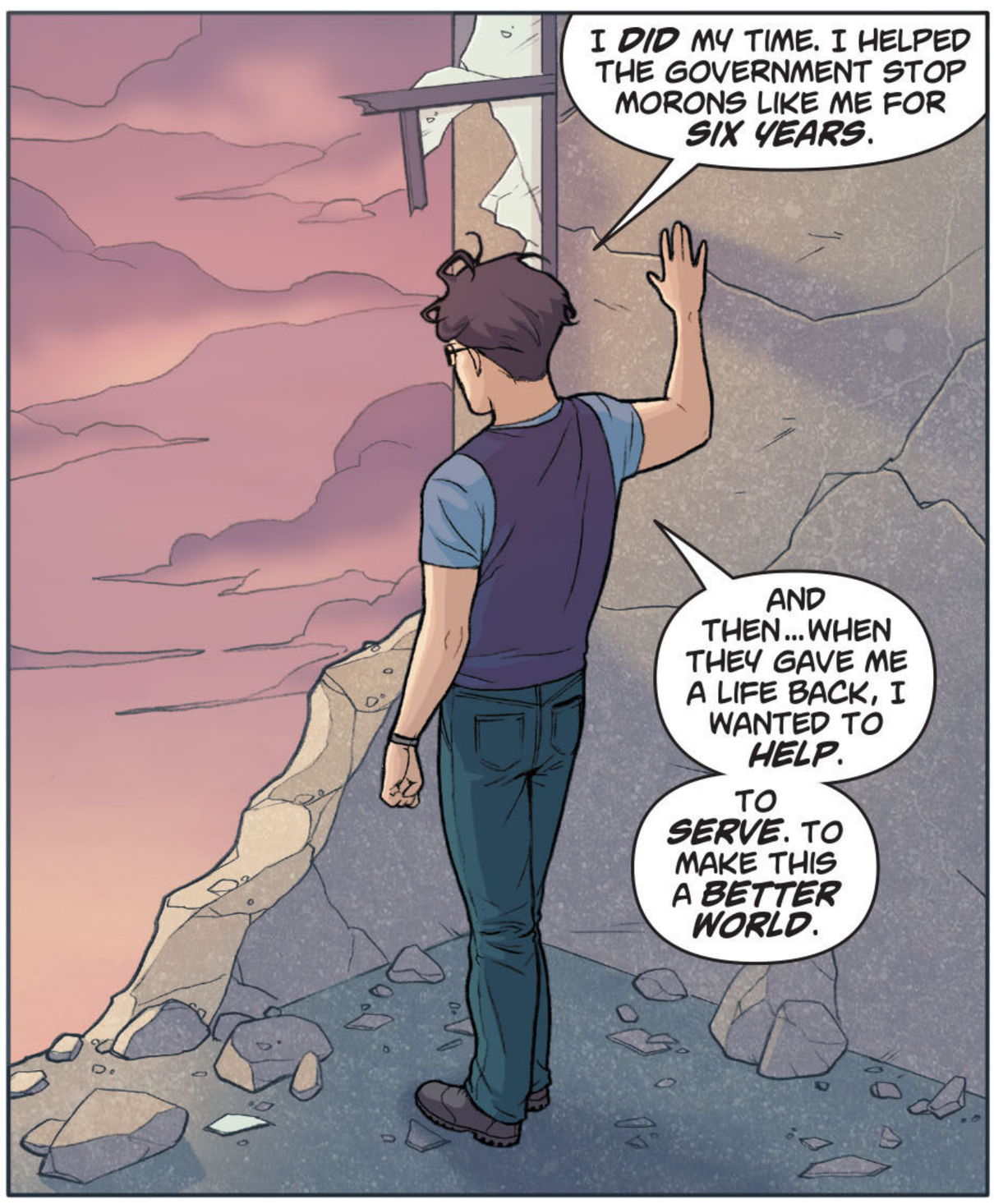

IT'S NOT A HOBBY, I--
IS ANY OF THIS REAL?!

ARE WE EVEN REALLY LOSING THE COMPANY OR IS THIS JUST YOUR WAY OF PULLING THE RIP CORD NOW THAT YOU GOT BORED OF THE WHOLE THING?!

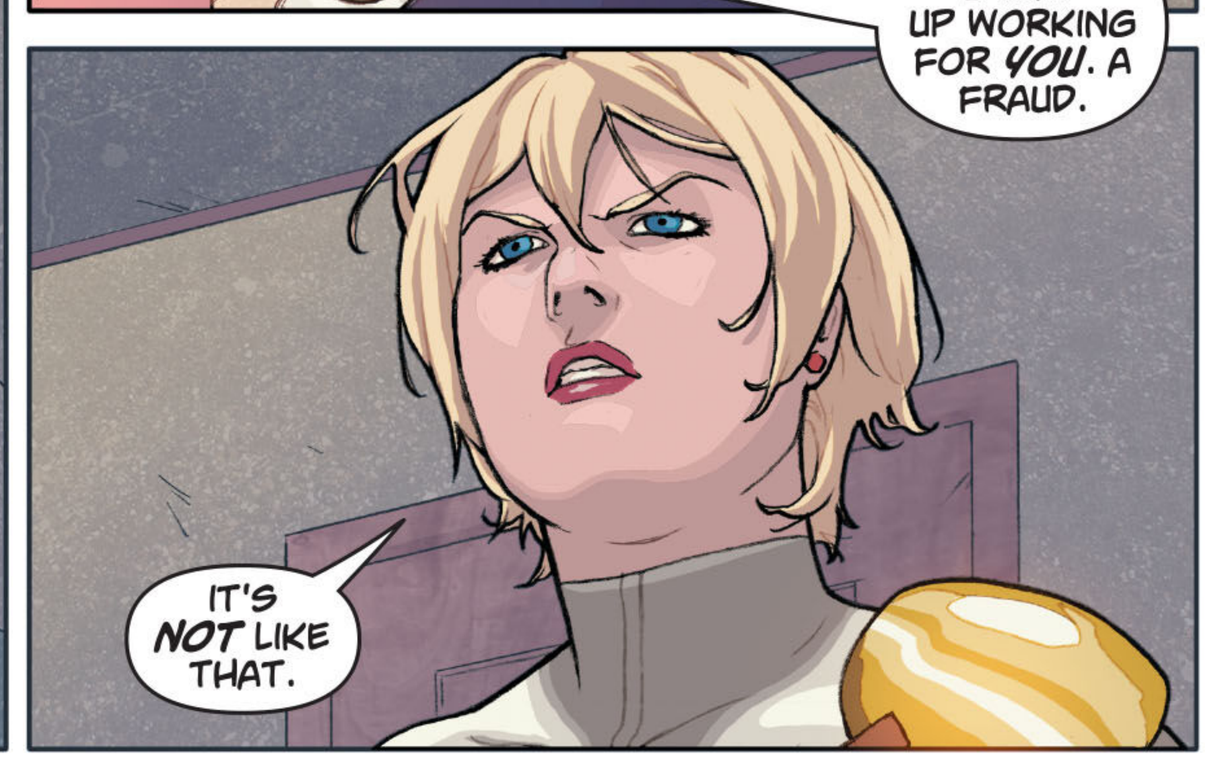

HEY! I WAS TRYING TO DO SOME GOOD HERE!
I HAVE PUT EVERYTHING I HAVE INTO THIS! AND I DON'T MEAN MONEY!
AND WHERE DO YOU GET OFF JUDGING ME!?


YOU'RE A GENIUS AND PISSED AWAY HOW MUCH OF YOUR LIFE...
...ON IDENTITY THEFT AND STEALING FROM INNOCENT PEOPLE?!


YES. I STOLE.
MILLIONS ACTUALLY.
BUT JUST A LITTLE FROM A LOT OF PEOPLE. INSURANCE COMPANIES TOOK THE HIT.
BUT, NO, NONE OF THAT MAKES IT BETTER.


I DID MY TIME. I HELPED THE GOVERNMENT STOP MORONS LIKE ME FOR SIX YEARS.
AND THEN...WHEN THEY GAVE ME A LIFE BACK, I WANTED TO HELP.
TO SERVE. TO MAKE THIS A BETTER WORLD.

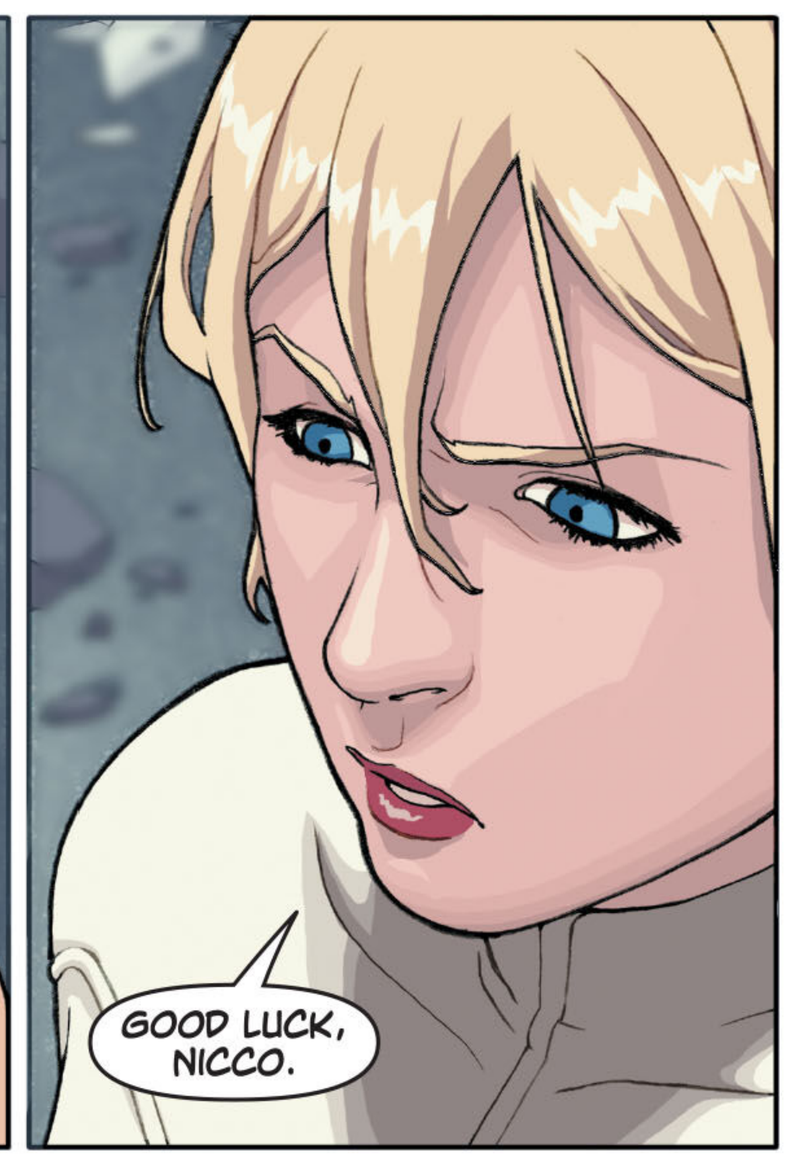
AND I WIND UP WORKING FOR YOU. A FRAUD.

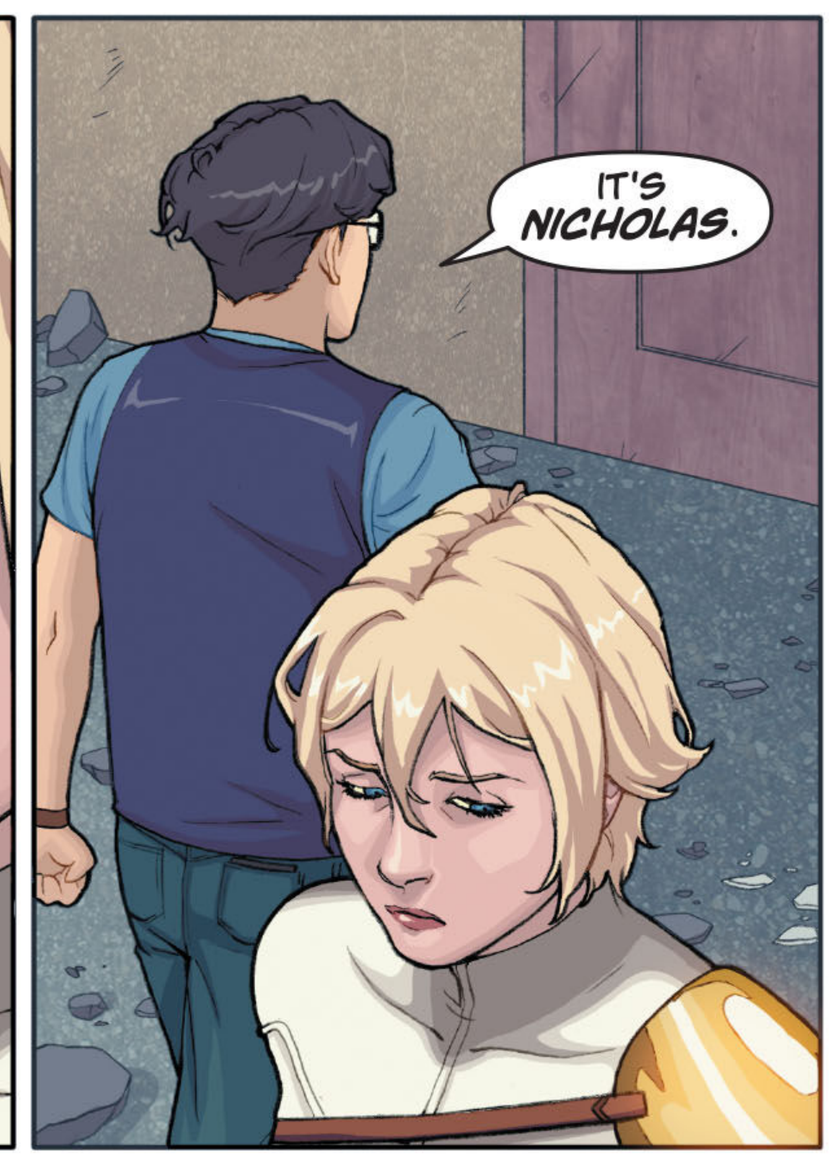

IT'S NOT LIKE THAT.

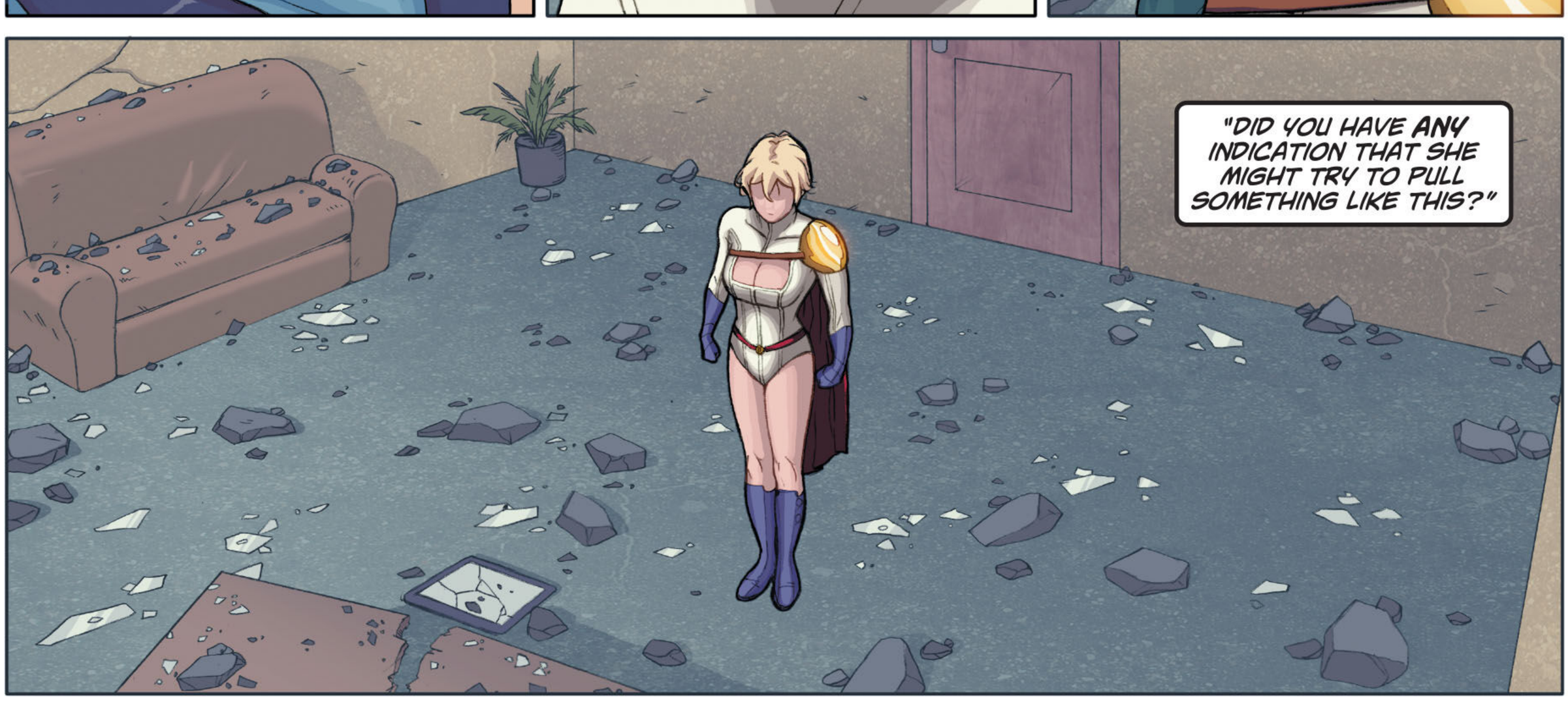
YOU NEEDED SOME HELP FIGHTING A BAD GUY...
...AND WHEN I BALK A LITTLE YOUR FIRST MOVE WAS THREATENING TO "OUT" ME.

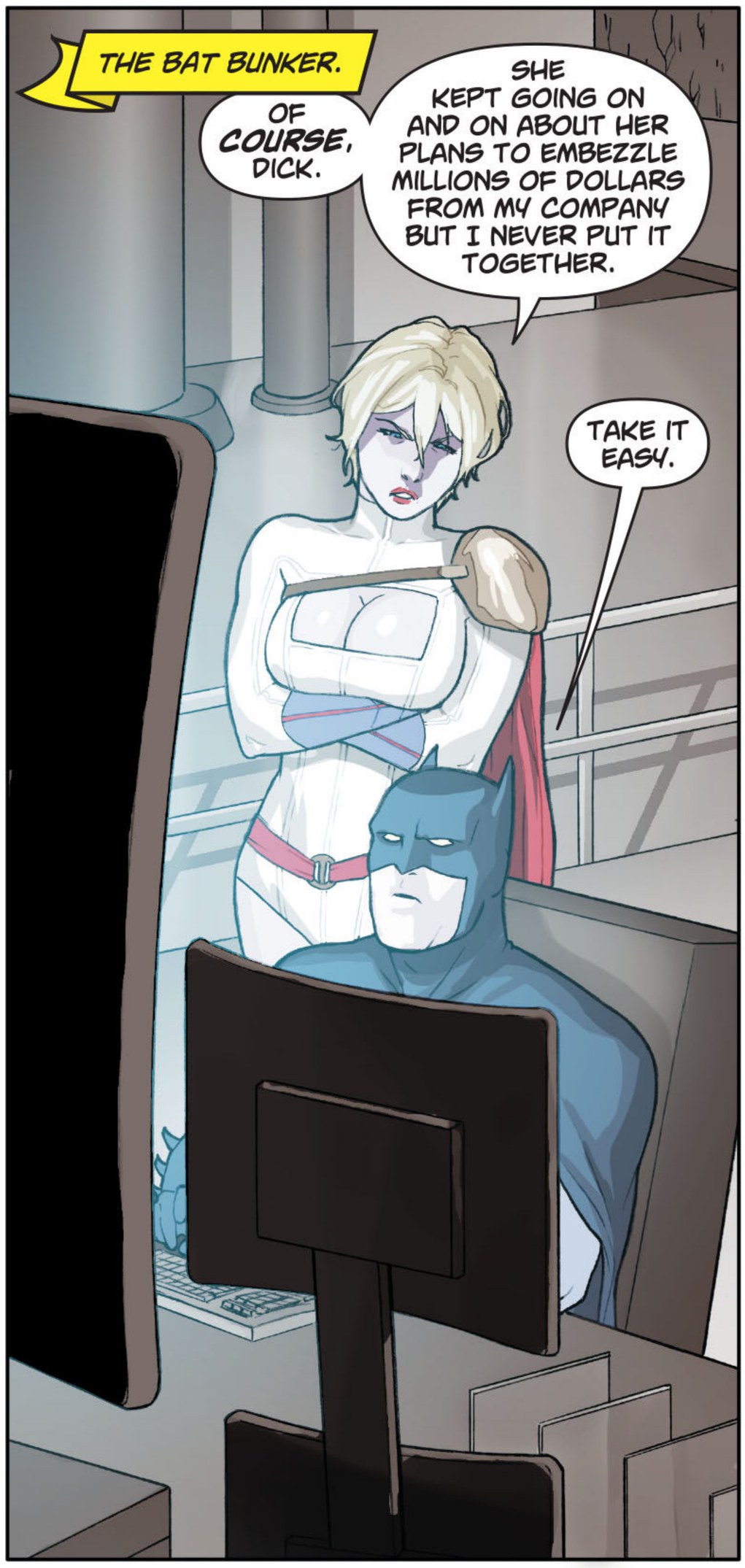
I DO WHAT I HAVE TO, WHEN I HAVE TO.
AND DRAG US REGULAR PEOPLE INTO YOUR MESS?

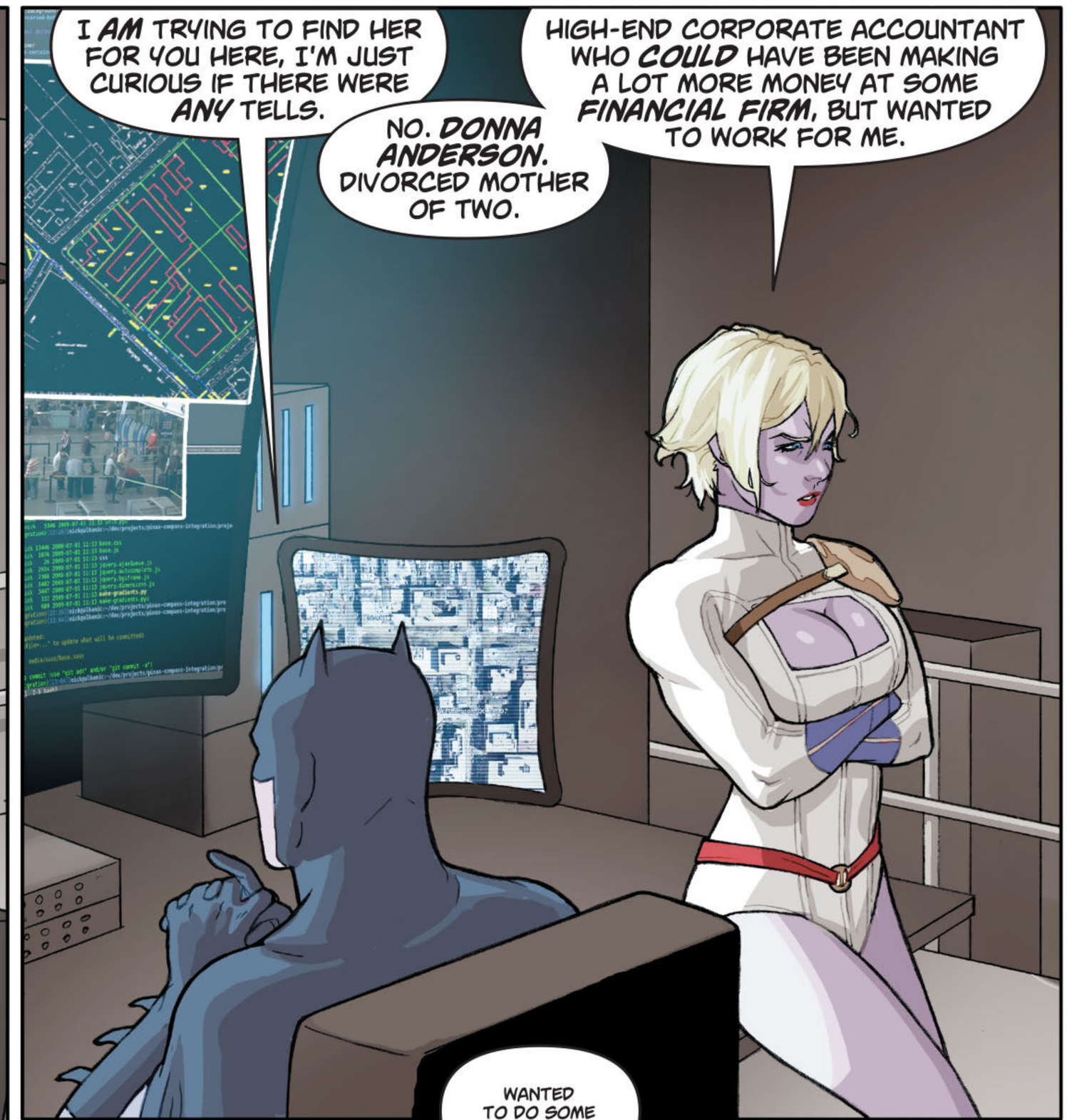
CAN I GO? OR WILL YOU TRY TO STOP ME?


GOOD LUCK, NICCO.

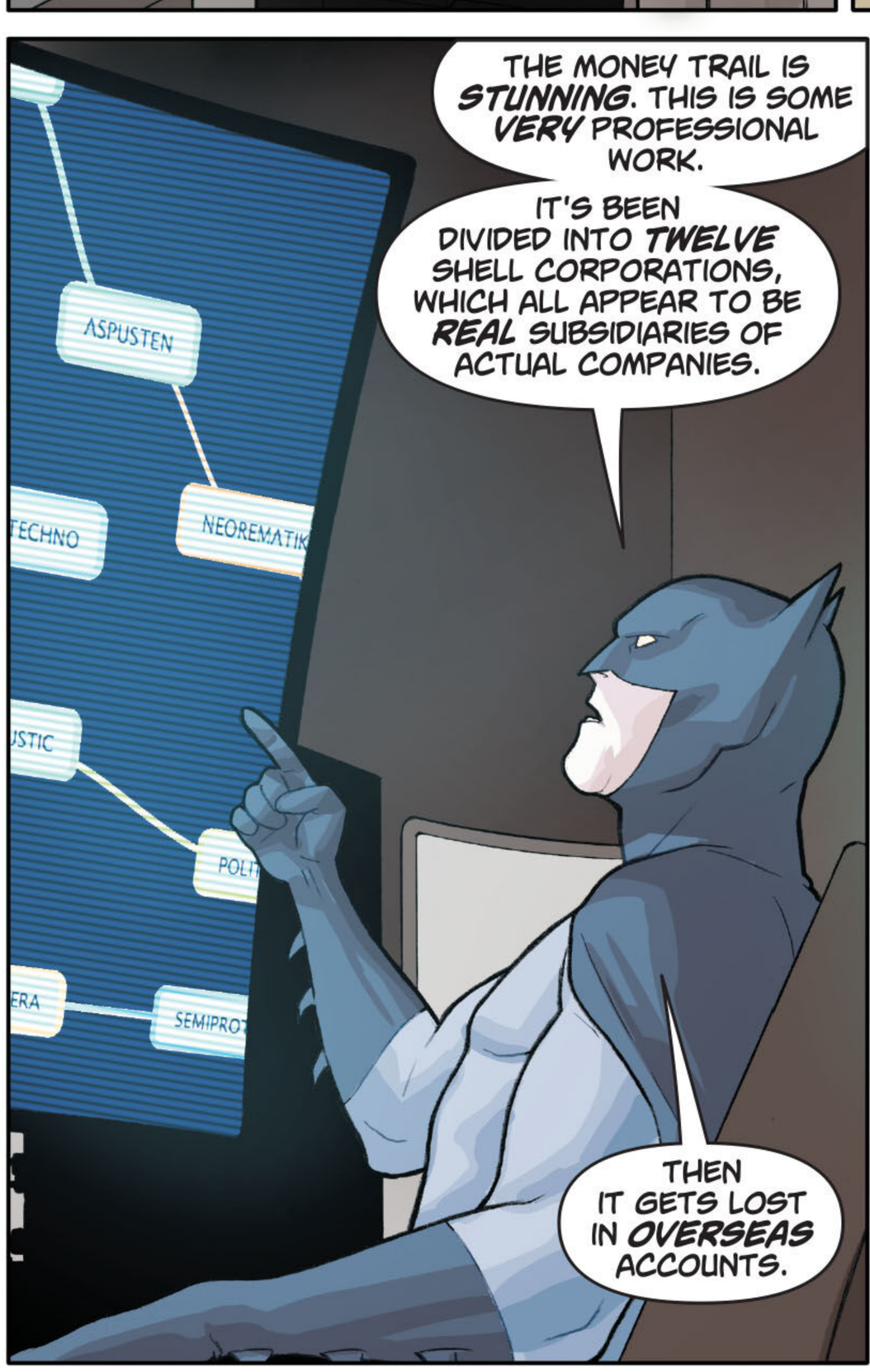

IT'S NICHOLAS.


"DID YOU HAVE ANY INDICATION THAT SHE MIGHT TRY TO PULL SOMETHING LIKE THIS?"


THE BAT BUNKER.
OF COURSE, DICK.
SHE KEPT GOING ON AND ON ABOUT HER PLANS TO EMBEZZLE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FROM MY COMPANY BUT I NEVER PUT IT TOGETHER.
TAKE IT EASY.


I AM TRYING TO FIND HER FOR YOU HERE, I'M JUST CURIOUS IF THERE WERE ANY TELLS.
NO. DONNA ANDERSON. DIVORCED MOTHER OF TWO.
HIGH-END CORPORATE ACCOUNTANT WHO COULD HAVE BEEN MAKING A LOT MORE MONEY AT SOME FINANCIAL FIRM, BUT WANTED TO WORK FOR ME.

WANTED TO DO SOME GOOD.


THE MONEY TRAIL IS STUNNING. THIS IS SOME VERY PROFESSIONAL WORK.
IT'S BEEN DIVIDED INTO TWELVE SHELL CORPORATIONS, WHICH ALL APPEAR TO BE REAL SUBSIDIARIES OF ACTUAL COMPANIES.
THEN IT GETS LOST IN OVERSEAS ACCOUNTS.
ASPUSTEN
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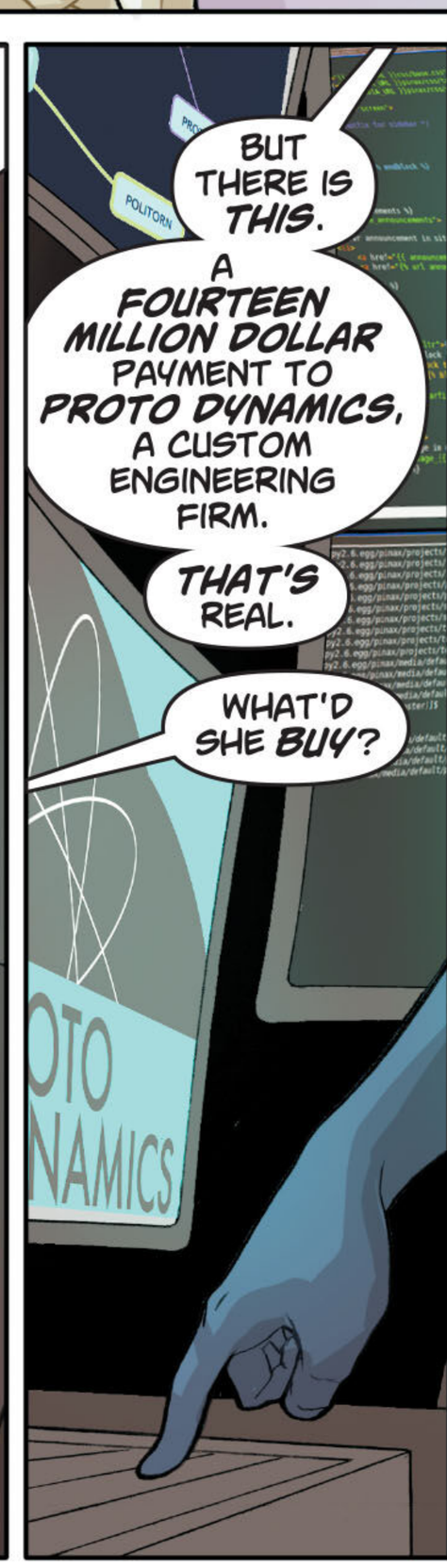
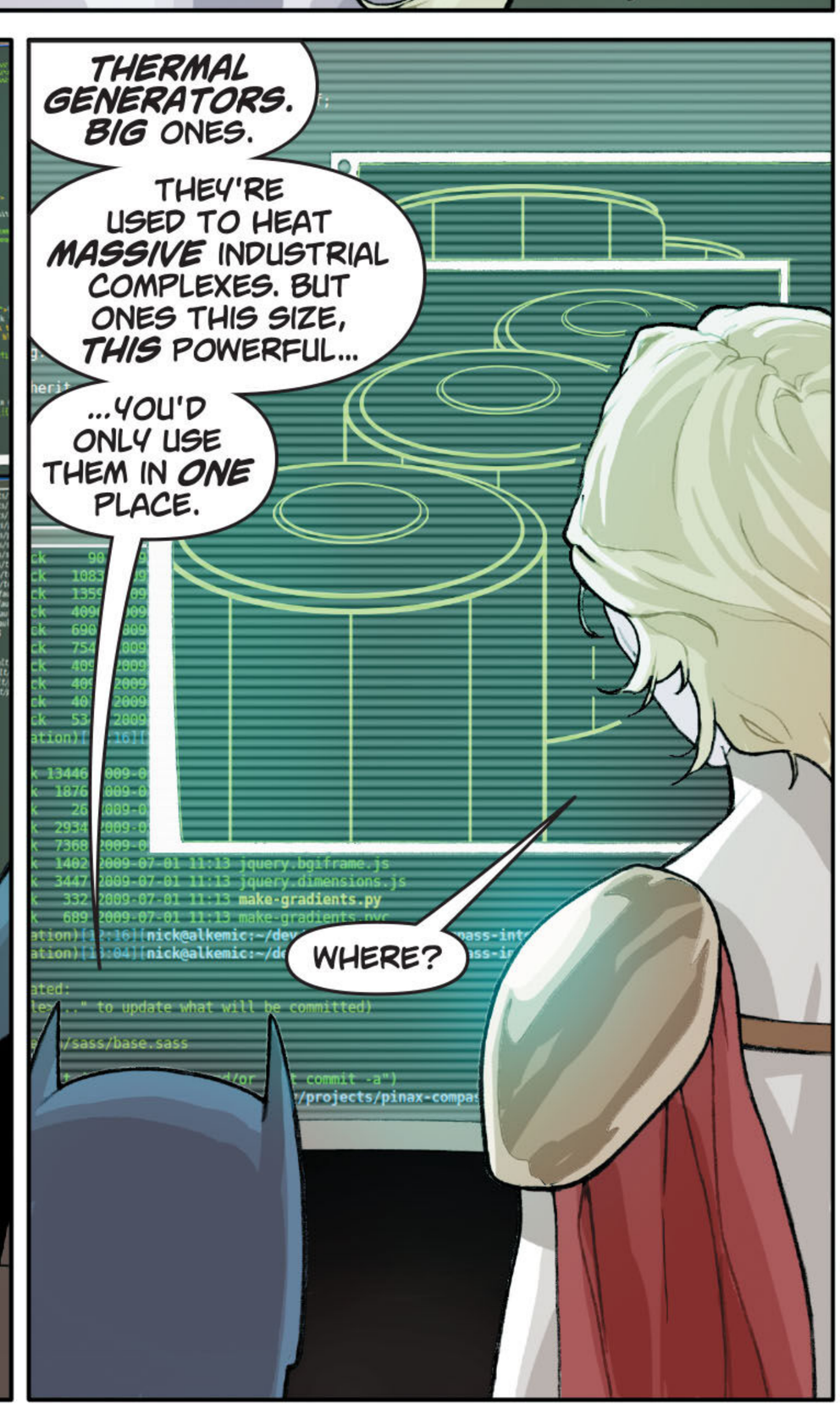
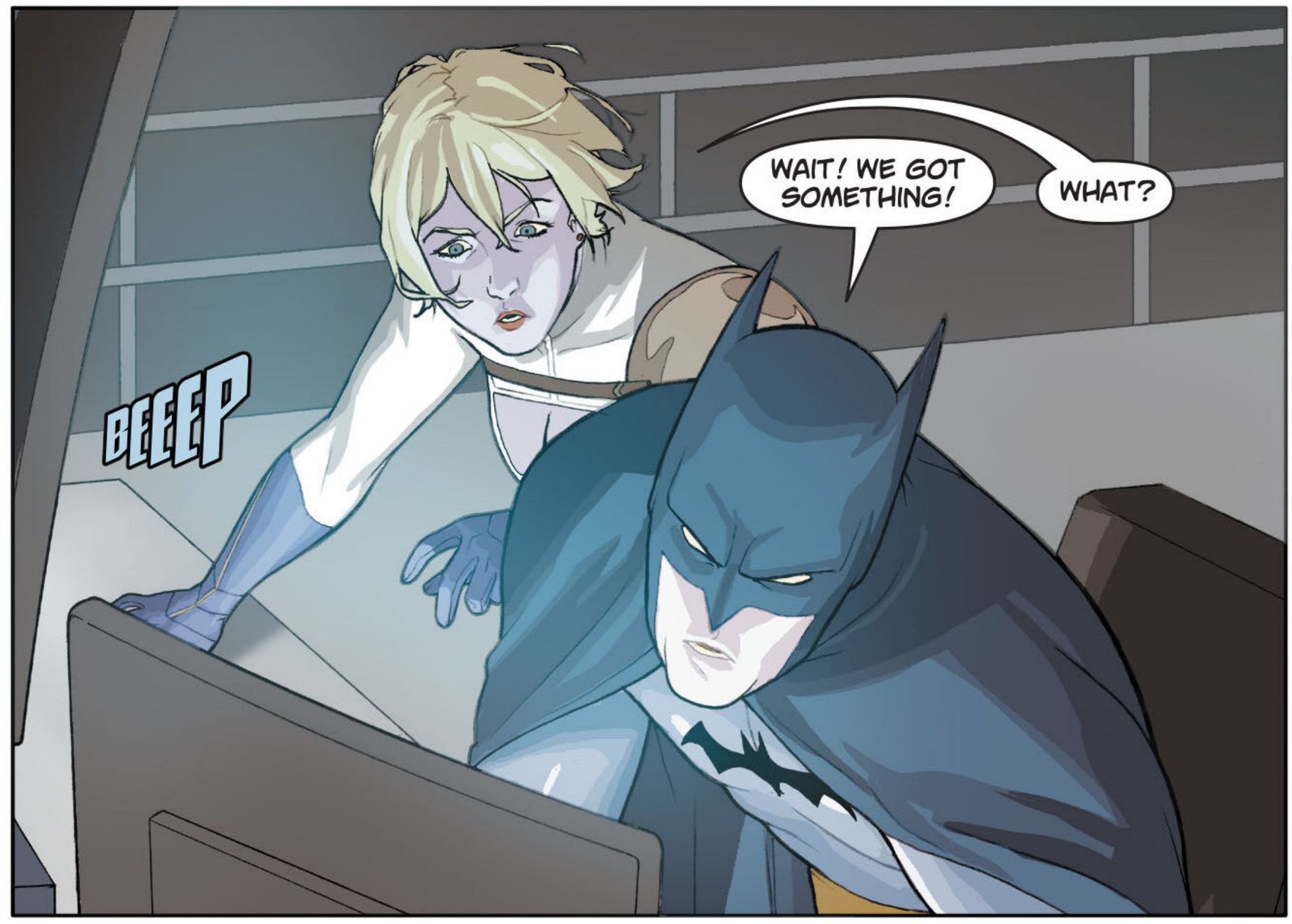

BUT THERE IS THIS.
A FOURTEEN MILLION DOLLAR PAYMENT TO PROTO DYNAMICS, A CUSTOM ENGINEERING FIRM.
THAT'S REAL.
WHAT'D SHE BUY?
POLITORN
OTO
NAMICS


THERMAL GENERATORS. BIG ONES.
THEY'RE USED TO HEAT MASSIVE INDUSTRIAL COMPLEXES. BUT ONES THIS SIZE, THIS POWERFUL...
...YOU'D ONLY USE THEM IN ONE PLACE.
WHERE?

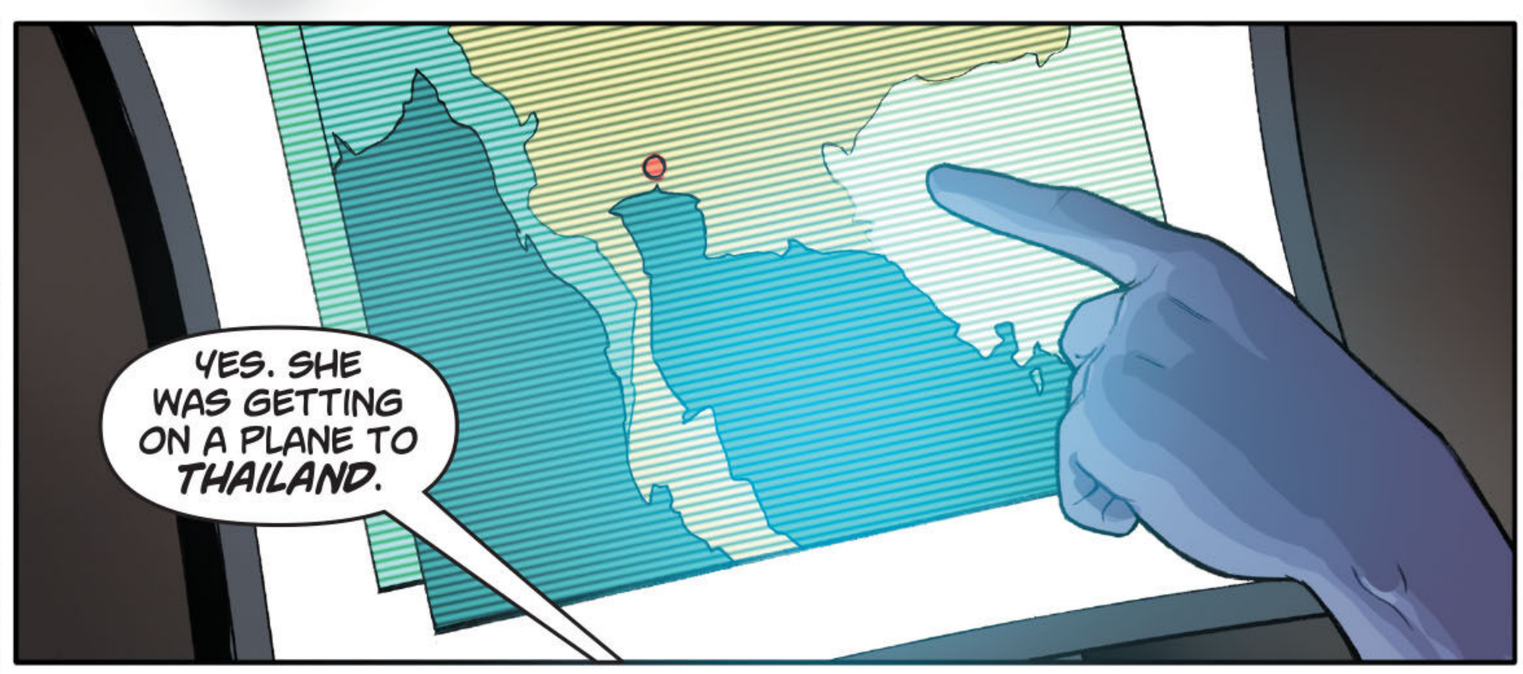
THE ARCTIC.

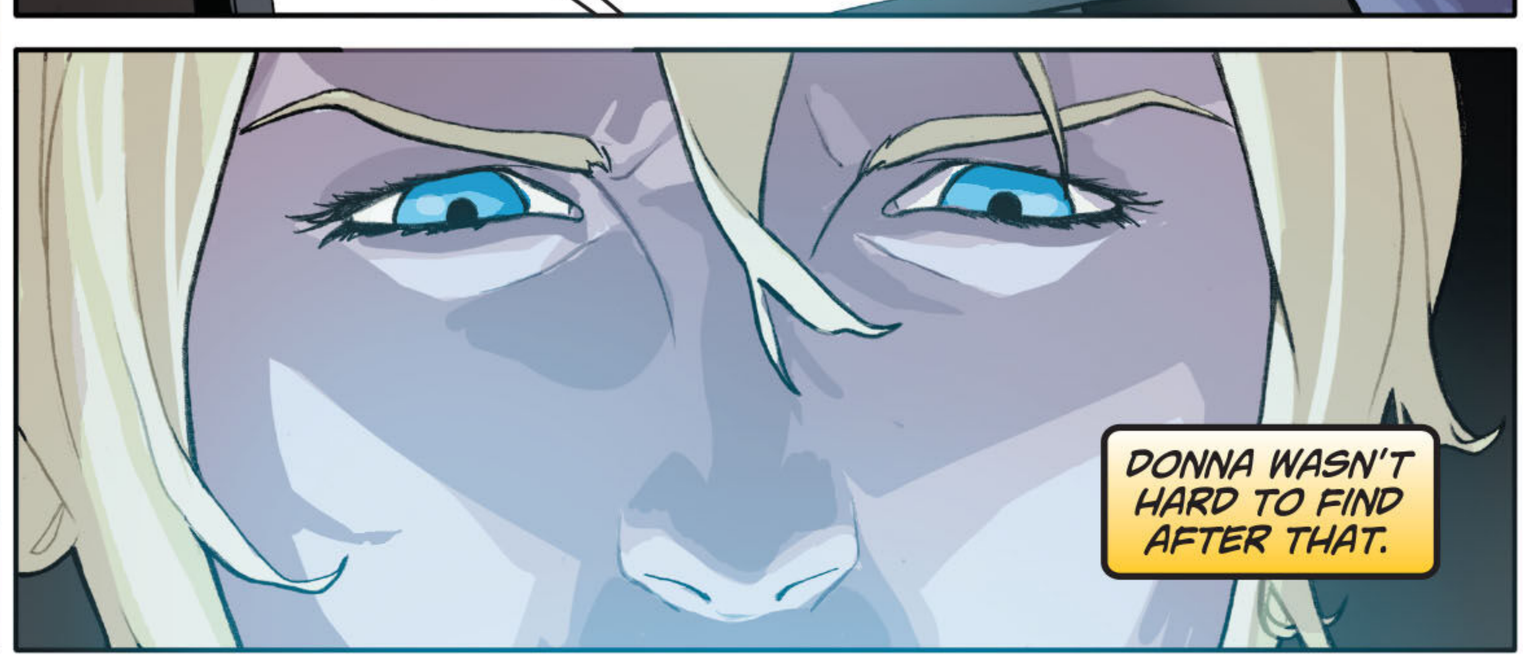

WAIT! WE GOT SOMETHING!
WHAT?
BEEEP

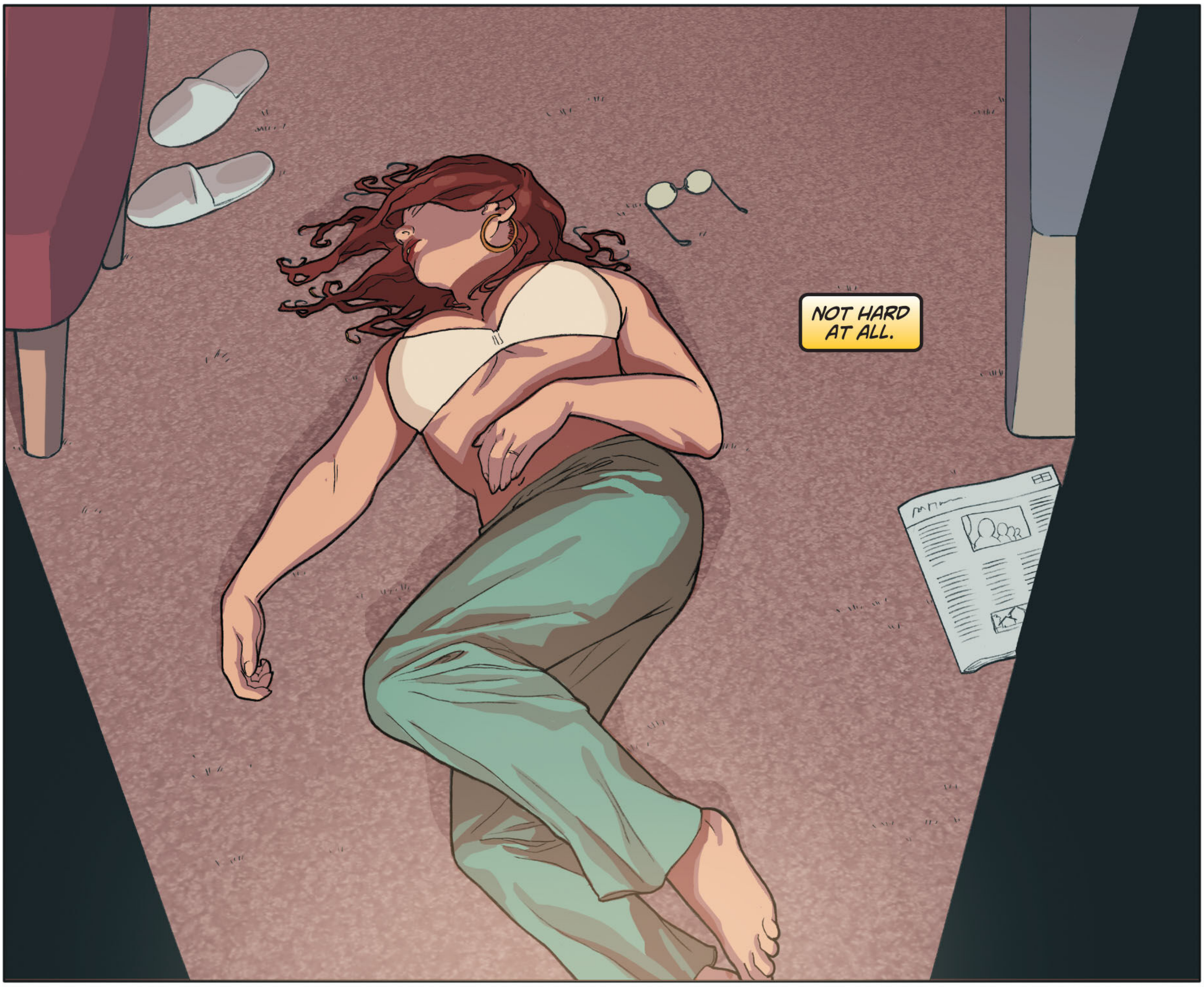
I WAS RUNNING A FACIAL RECOGNITION PROGRAM THROUGH EVERY AIRPORT SECURITY CAMERA AND TRAVEL HUB ON EARTH.

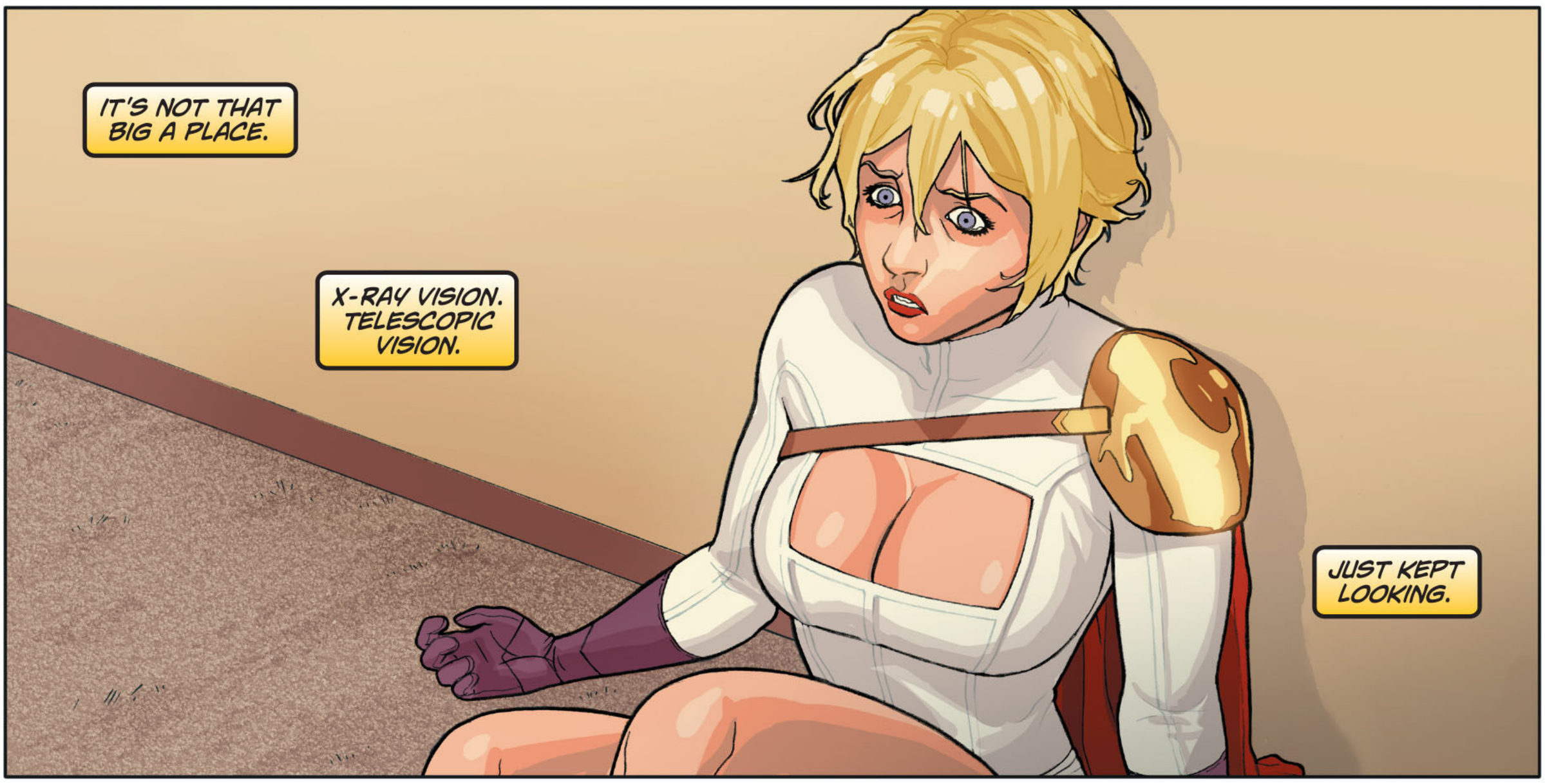
WE'VE GOT A MATCH.

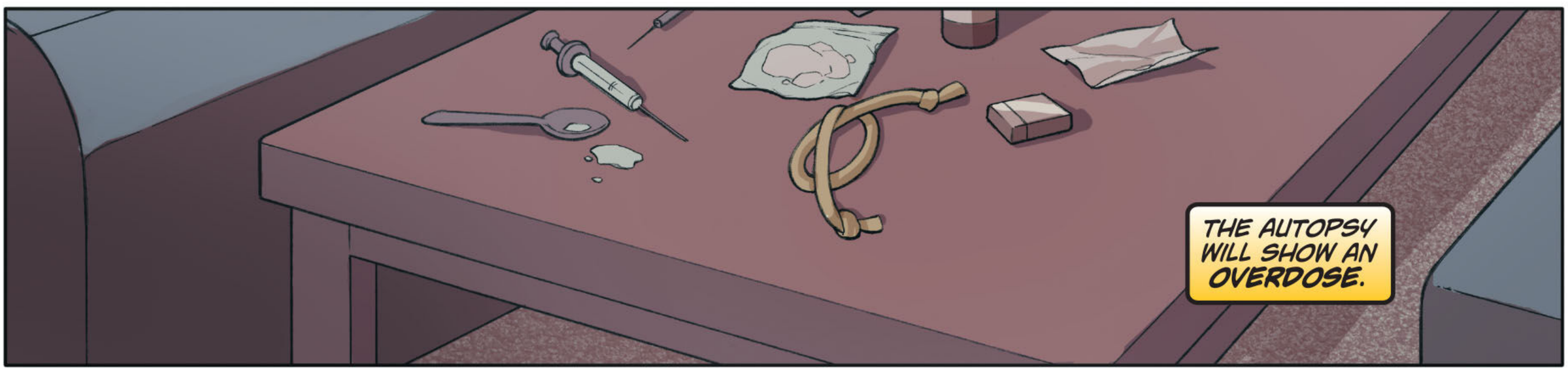
THAT'S DONNA.

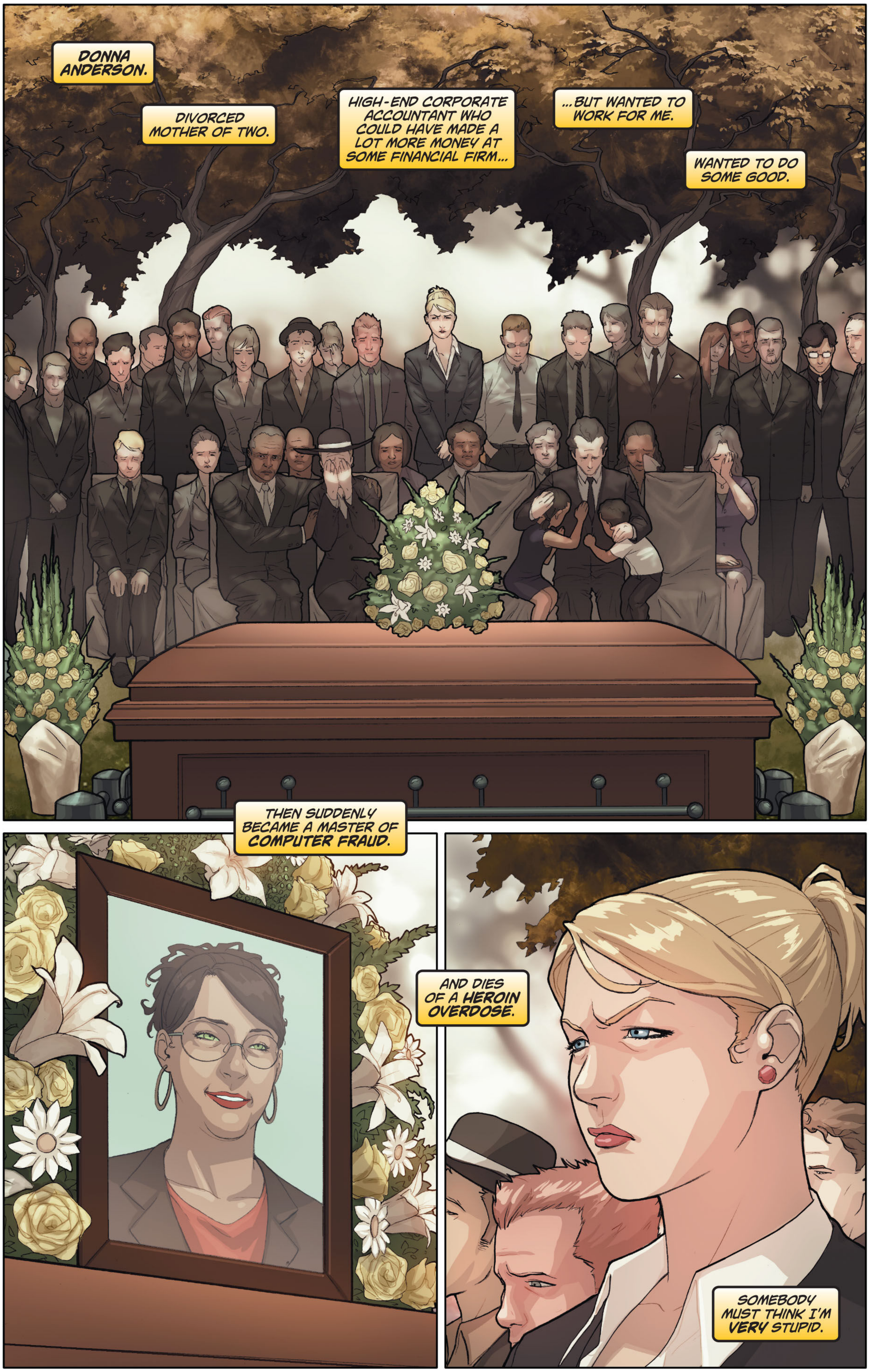

YES. SHE WAS GETTING ON A PLANE TO THAILAND.

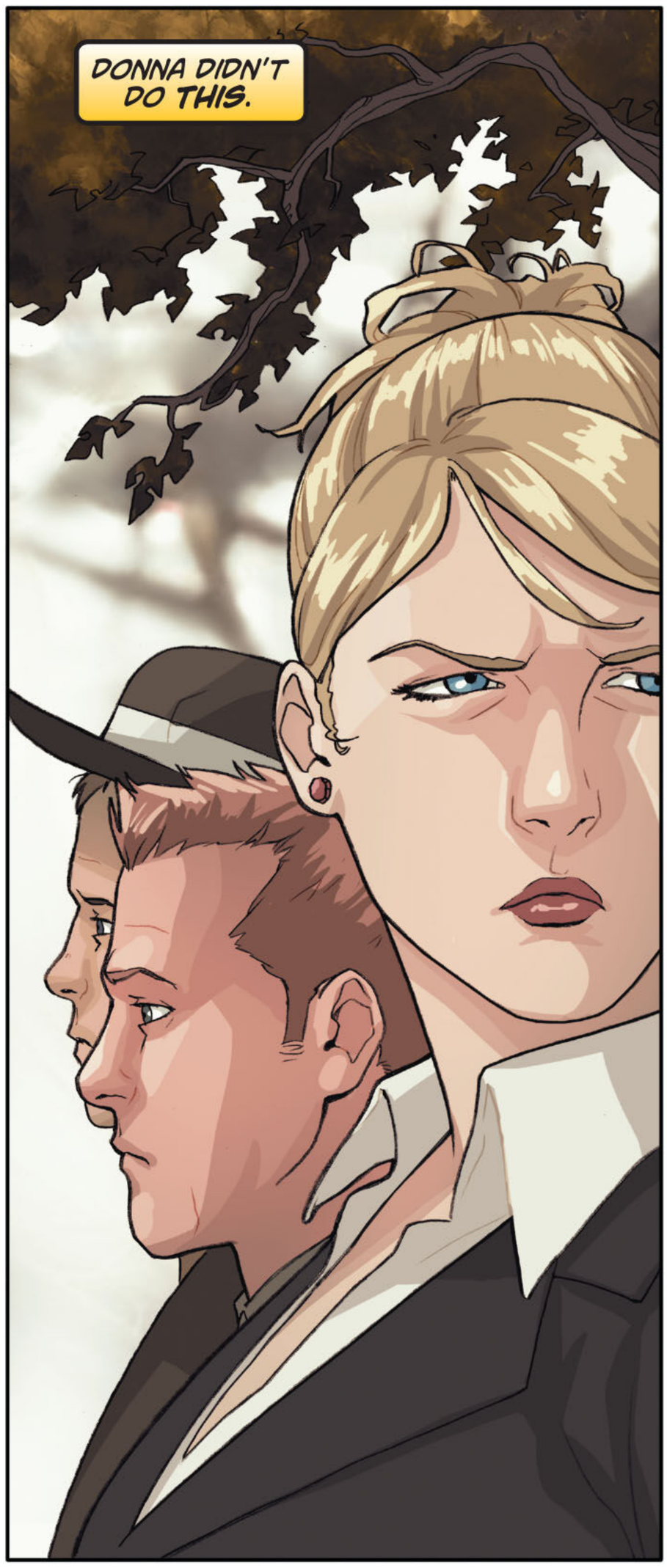
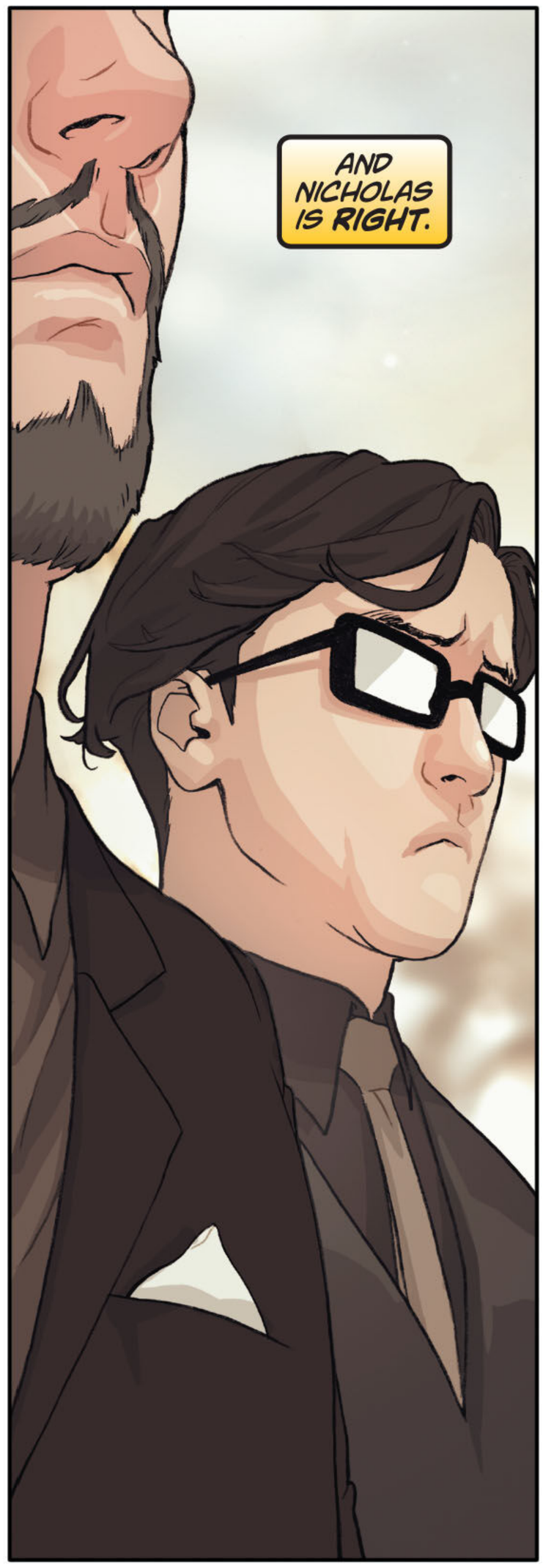

DONNA WASN'T HARD TO FIND AFTER THAT.


NOT HARD AT ALL.

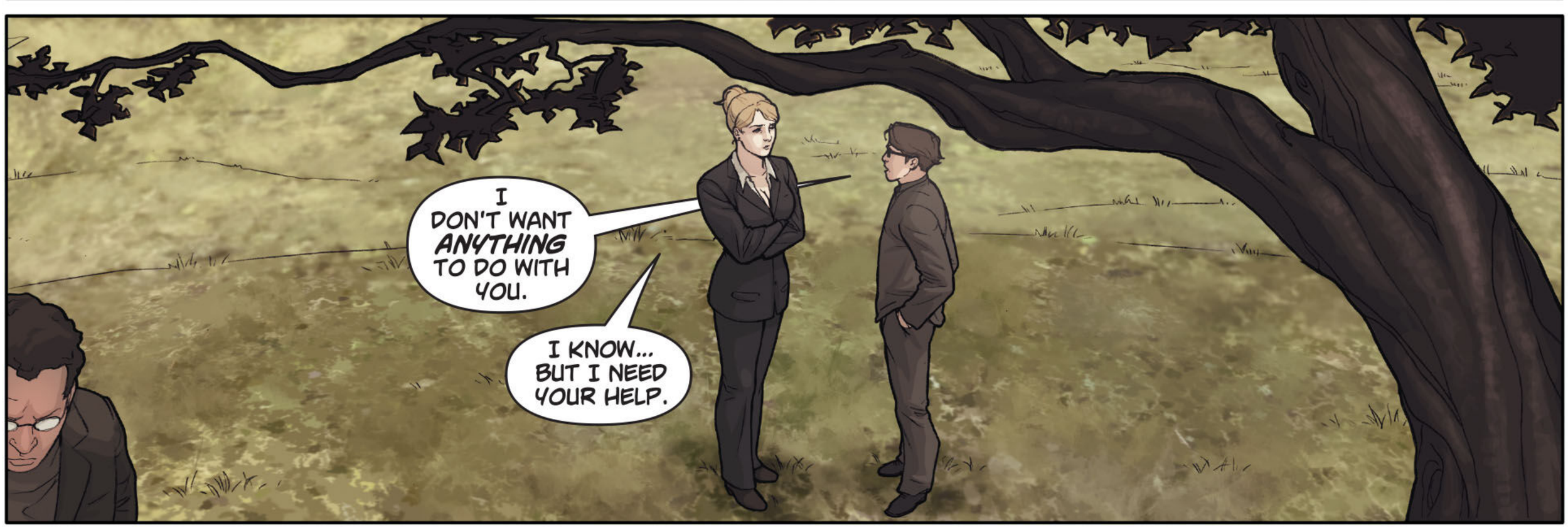

IT'S NOT THAT BIG A PLACE.
X-RAY VISION. TELESCOPIC VISION.
JUST KEPT LOOKING.

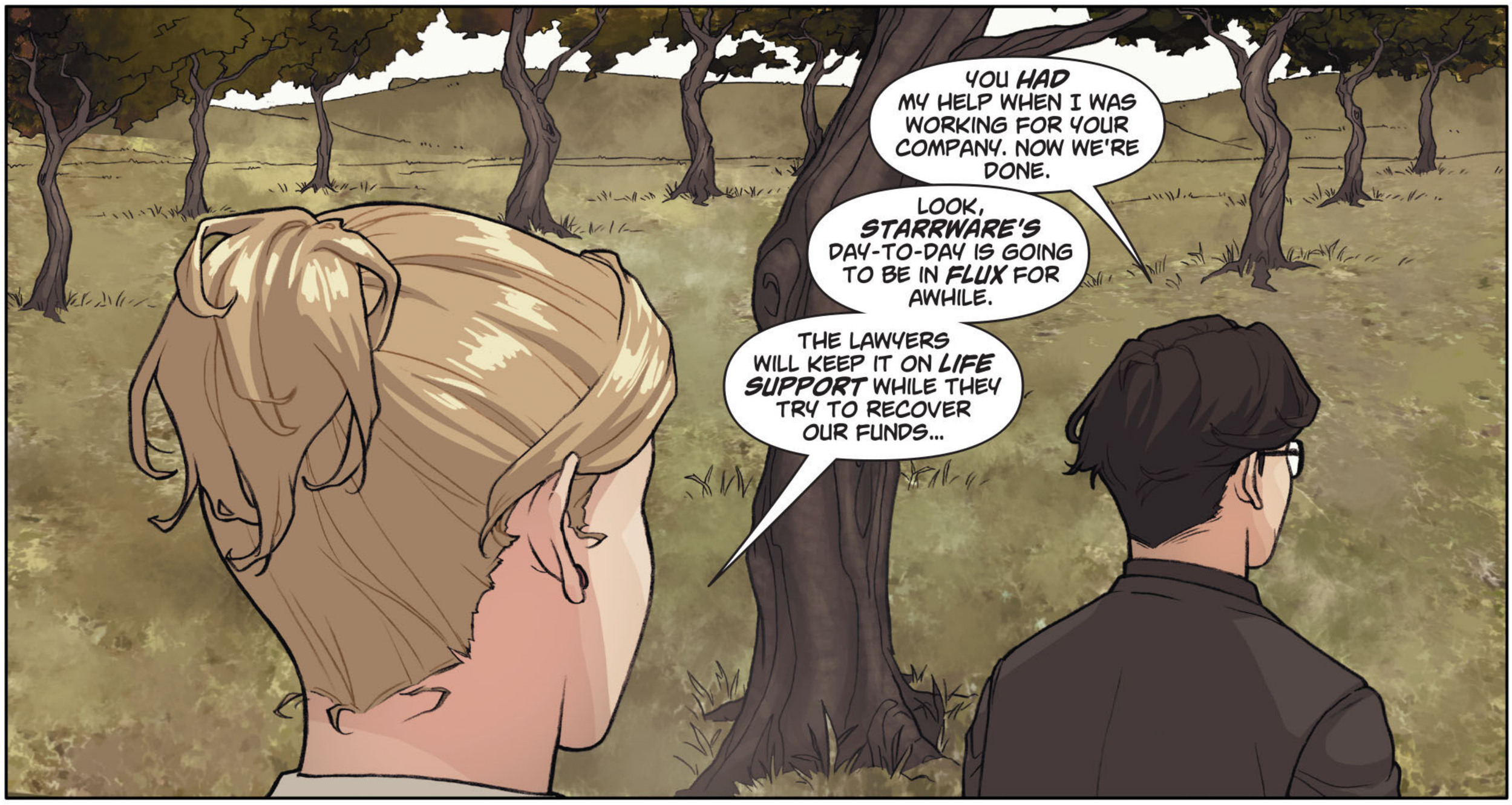

THE AUTOPSY WILL SHOW AN OVERDOSE.

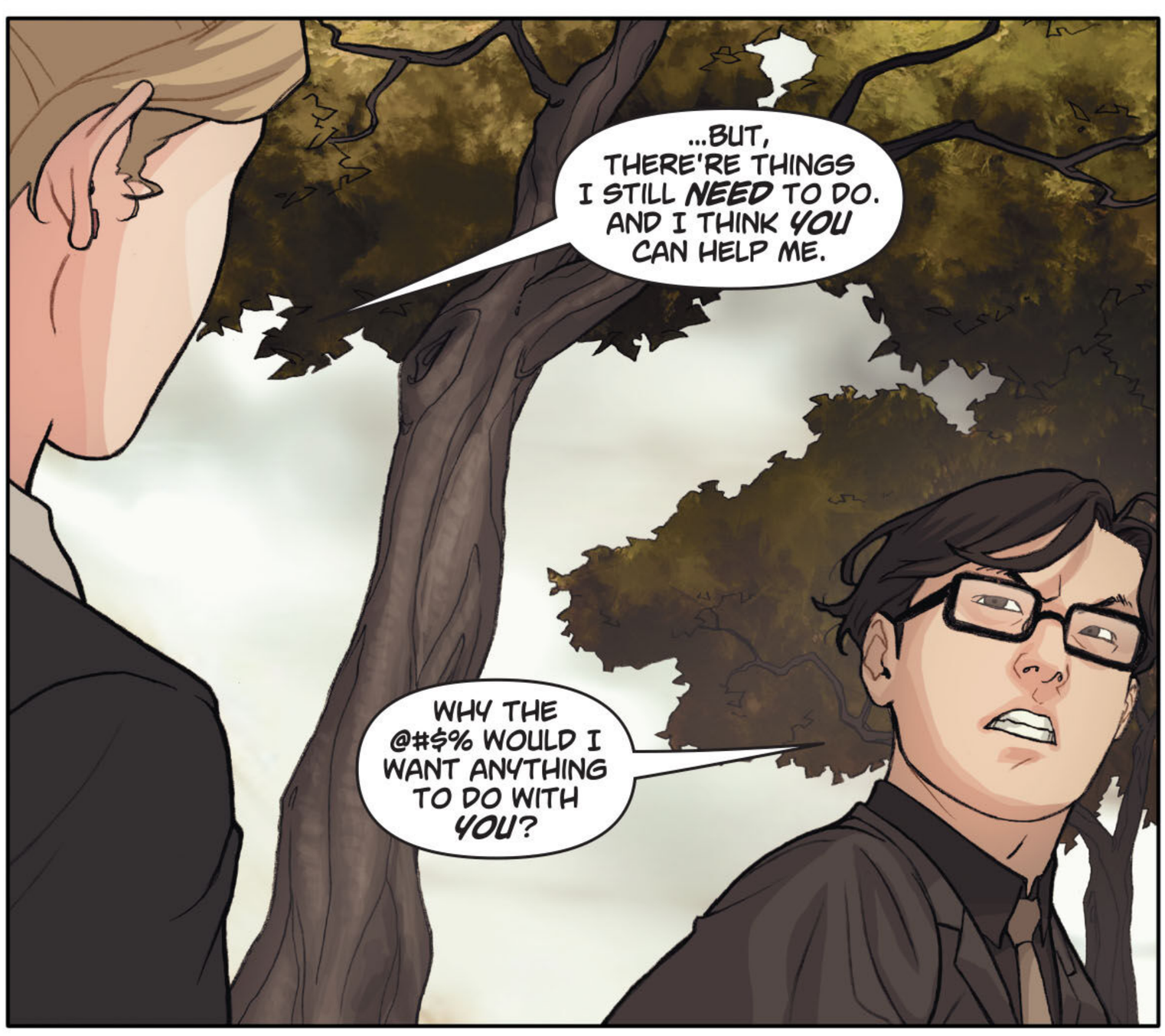

DONNA ANDERSON.
DIVORCED MOTHER OF TWO.
HIGH-END CORPORATE ACCOUNTANT WHO COULD HAVE MADE A LOT MORE MONEY AT SOME FINANCIAL FIRM...
...BUT WANTED TO WORK FOR ME.
WANTED TO DO SOME GOOD.
THEN SUDDENLY BECAME A MASTER OF COMPUTER FRAUD.
AND DIES OF A HEROIN OVERDOSE.
SOMEBODY MUST THINK I'M VERY STUPID.

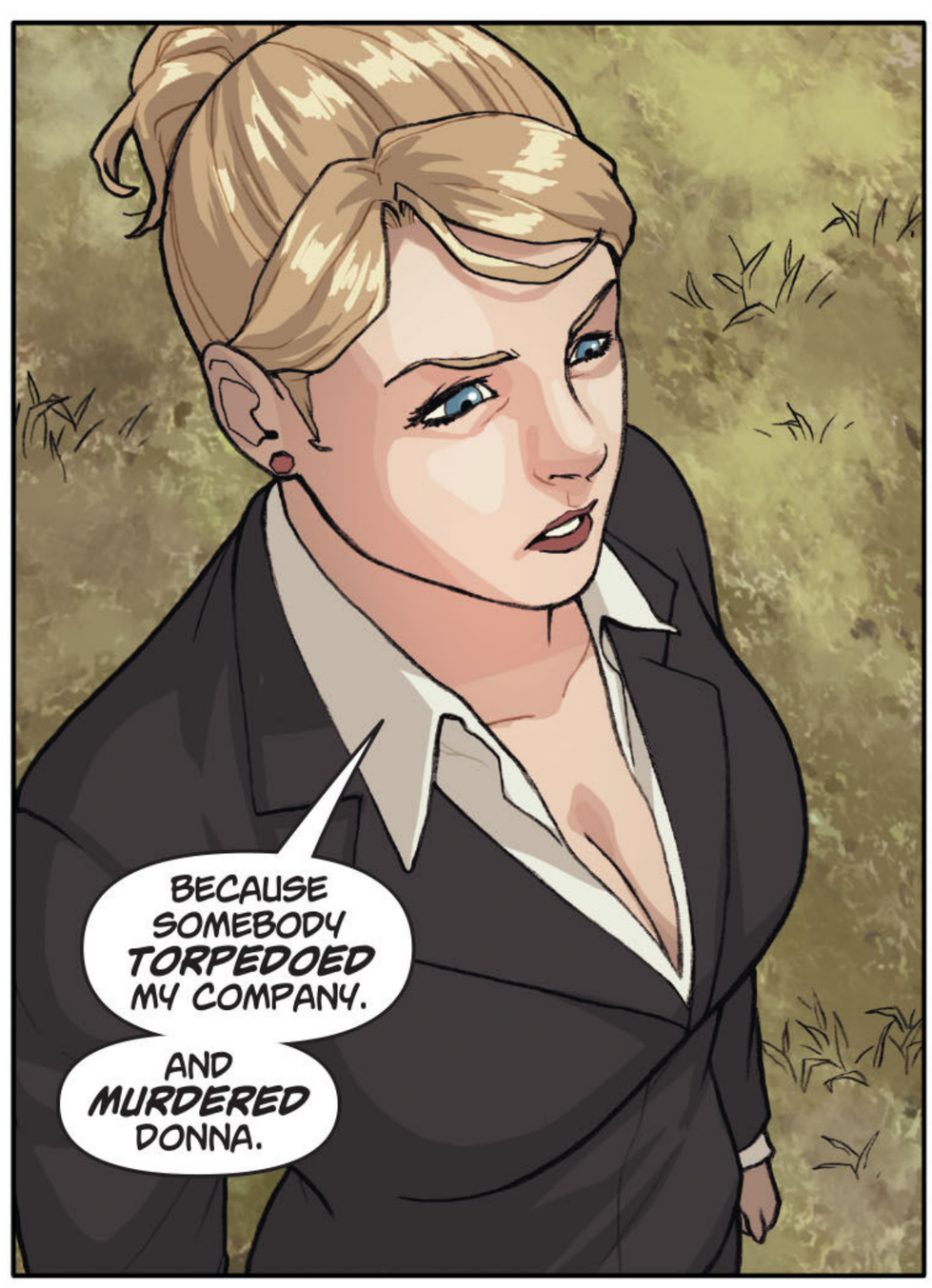

DONNA DIDN'T DO THIS.

AND NICHOLAS IS RIGHT.

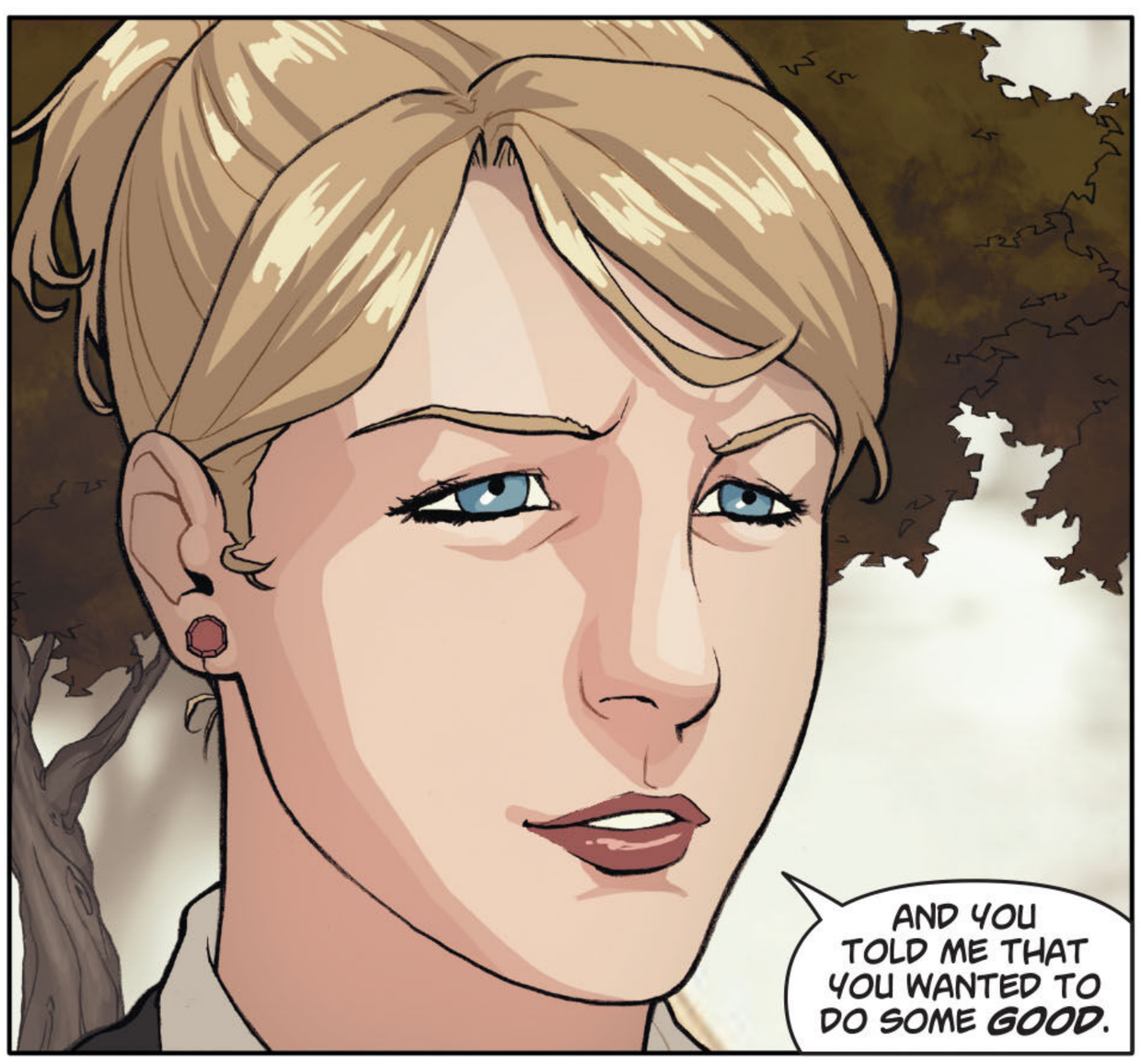
I'VE DRAGGED REGULAR PEOPLE INTO MY MESS.

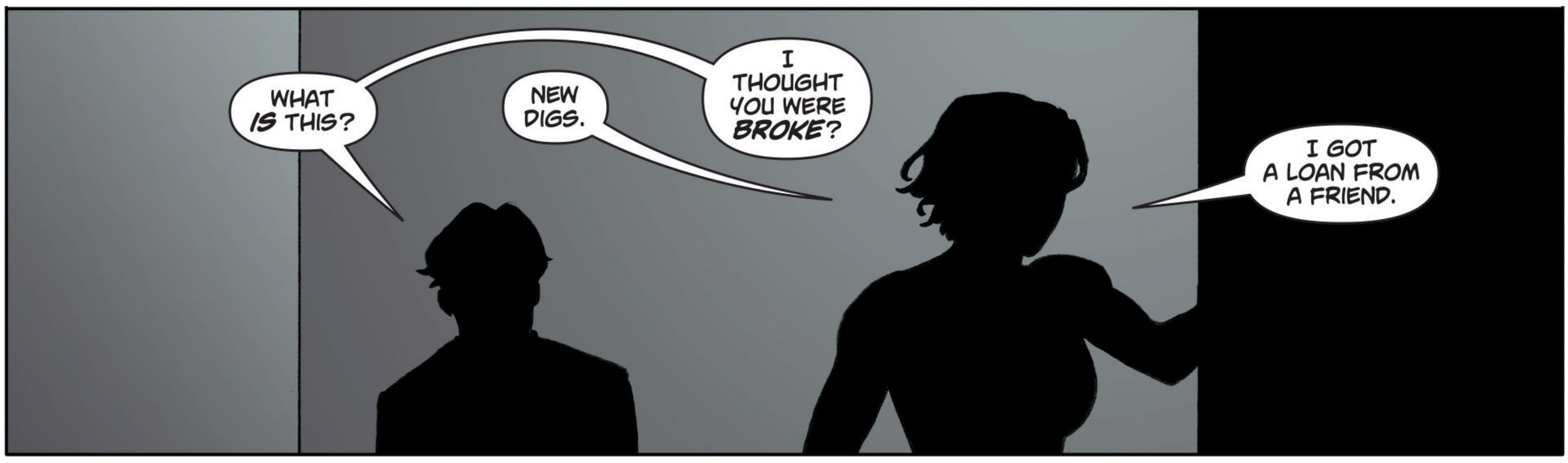
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT.
JUST GIVE ME ONE MINUTE TO TALK.

I DON'T WANT ANYTHING TO DO WITH YOU.
I KNOW... BUT I NEED YOUR HELP.

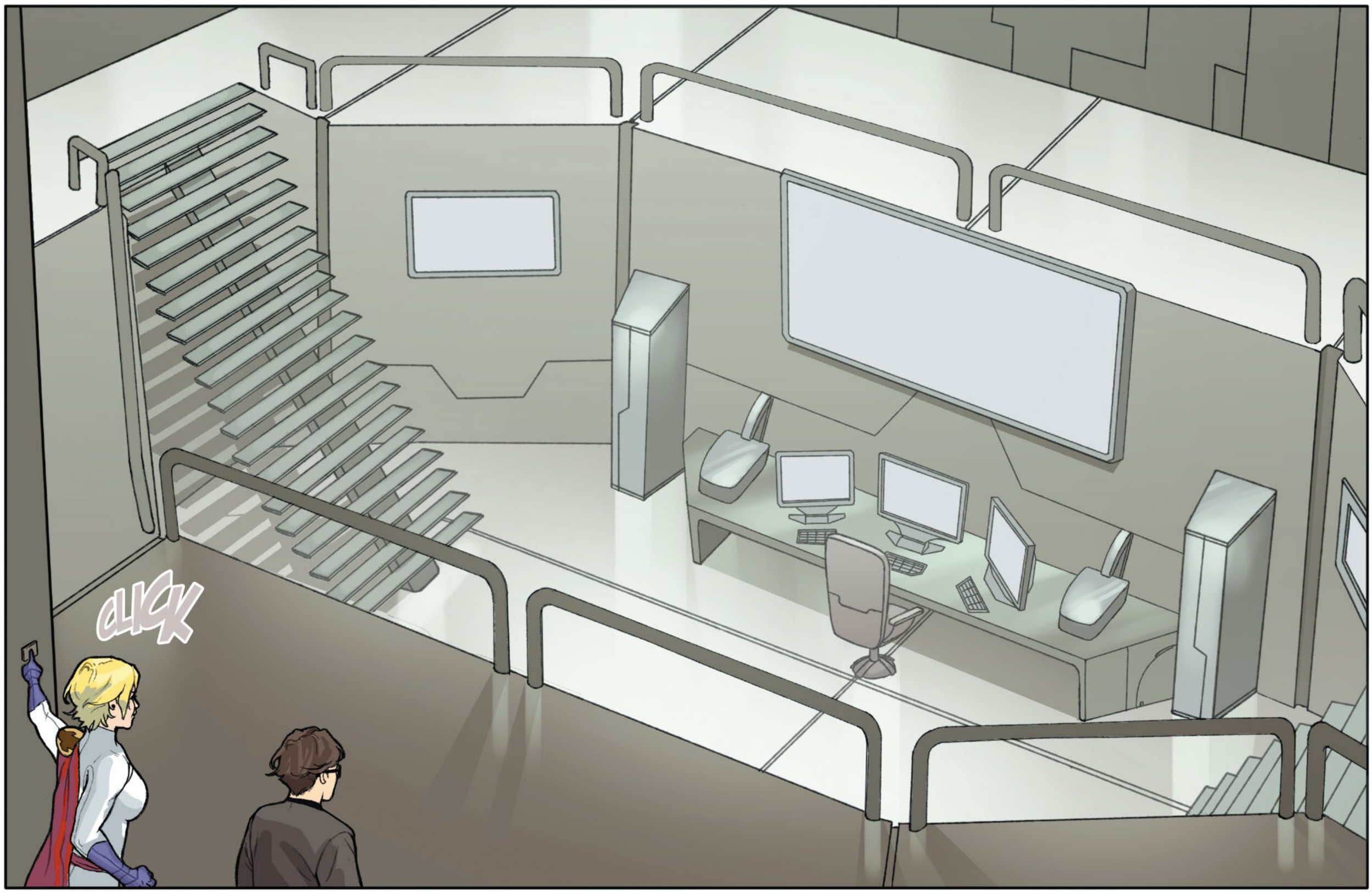

YOU HAD MY HELP WHEN I WAS WORKING FOR YOUR COMPANY. NOW WE'RE DONE.
LOOK, STARRWARE'S DAY-TO-DAY IS GOING TO BE IN FLUX FOR AWHILE.
THE LAWYERS WILL KEEP IT ON LIFE SUPPORT WHILE THEY TRY TO RECOVER OUR FUNDS...


...BUT, THERE'RE THINGS I STILL NEED TO DO. AND I THINK YOU CAN HELP ME.
WHY THE @#$% WOULD I WANT ANYTHING TO DO WITH YOU?


BECAUSE SOMEBODY TORPEDOED MY COMPANY.
AND MURDERED DONNA.


AND YOU TOLD ME THAT YOU WANTED TO DO SOME GOOD.


WHAT IS THIS?
NEW DIGS.
I THOUGHT YOU WERE BROKE?
I GOT A LOAN FROM A FRIEND.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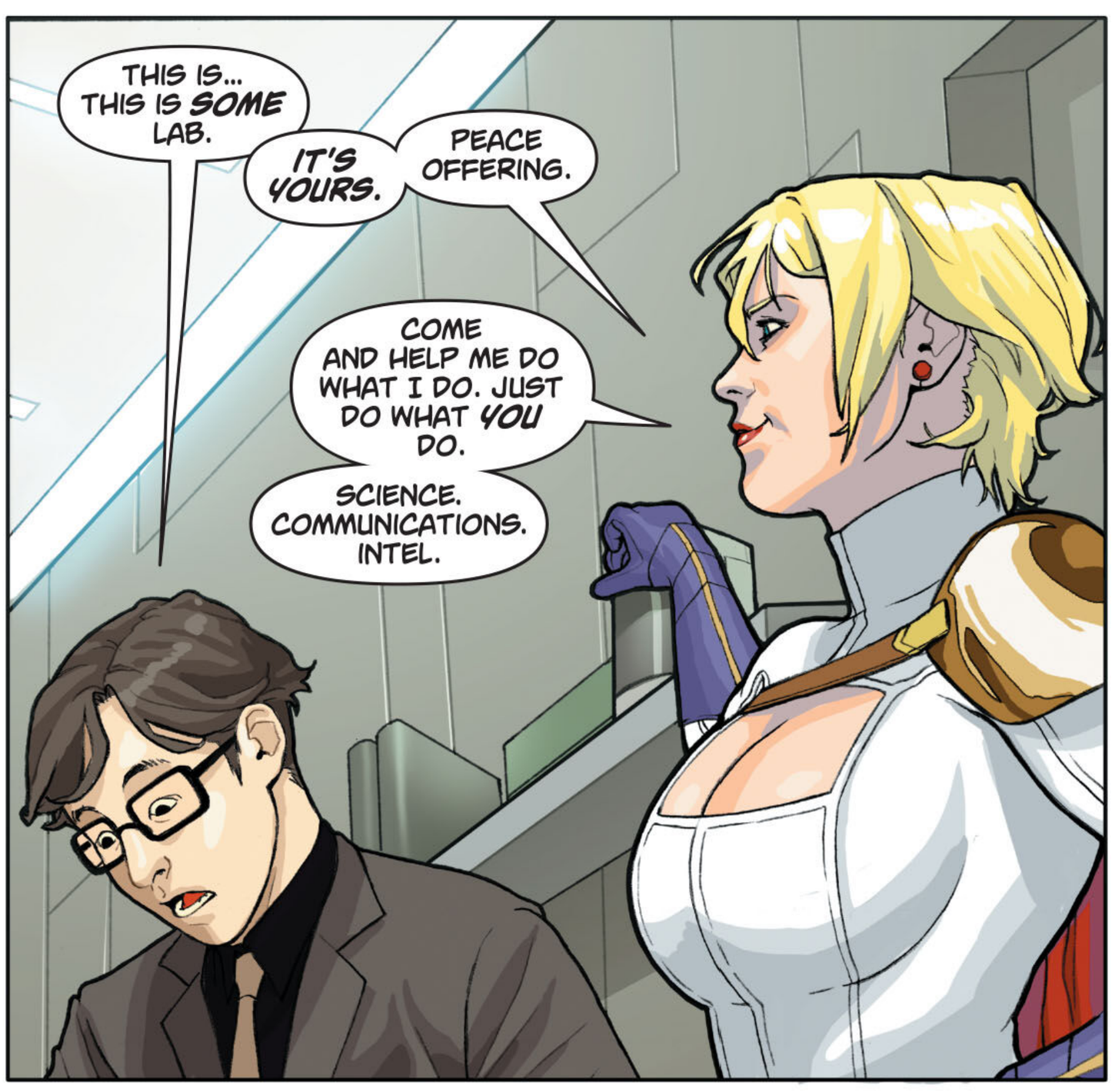
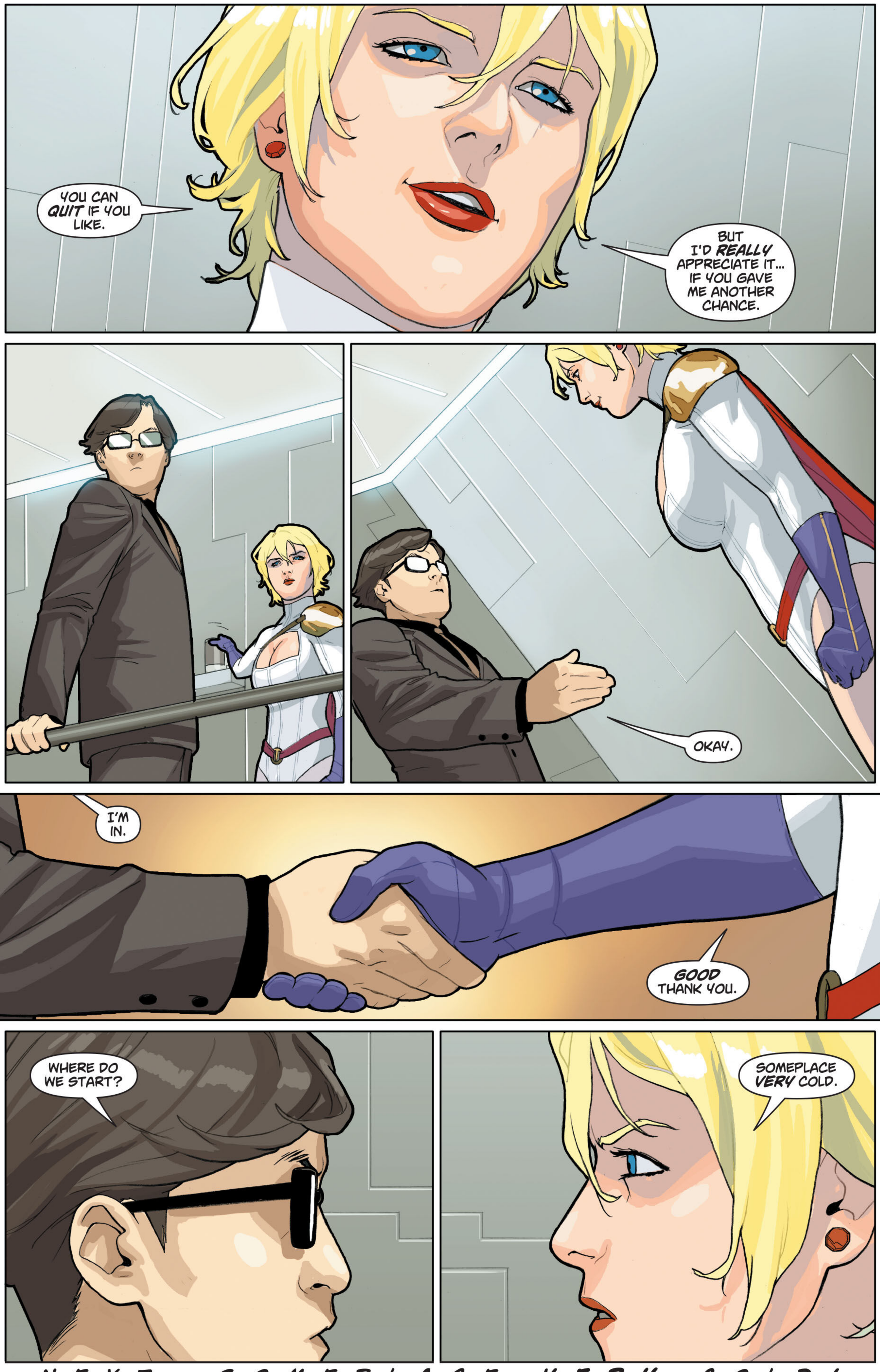

THIS IS... THIS IS SOME LAB.
IT'S YOURS.
PEACE OFFERING.
COME AND HELP ME DO WHAT I DO. JUST DO WHAT YOU DO.
SCIENCE. COMMUNICATIONS. INTEL.

DON'T YOU HAVE BATMAN FOR CRAP LIKE THAT?
WHO DO YOU THINK BUILT US THIS PLACE?
AND AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, HE'S BUSY. I NEED SOMEONE FULL TIME.



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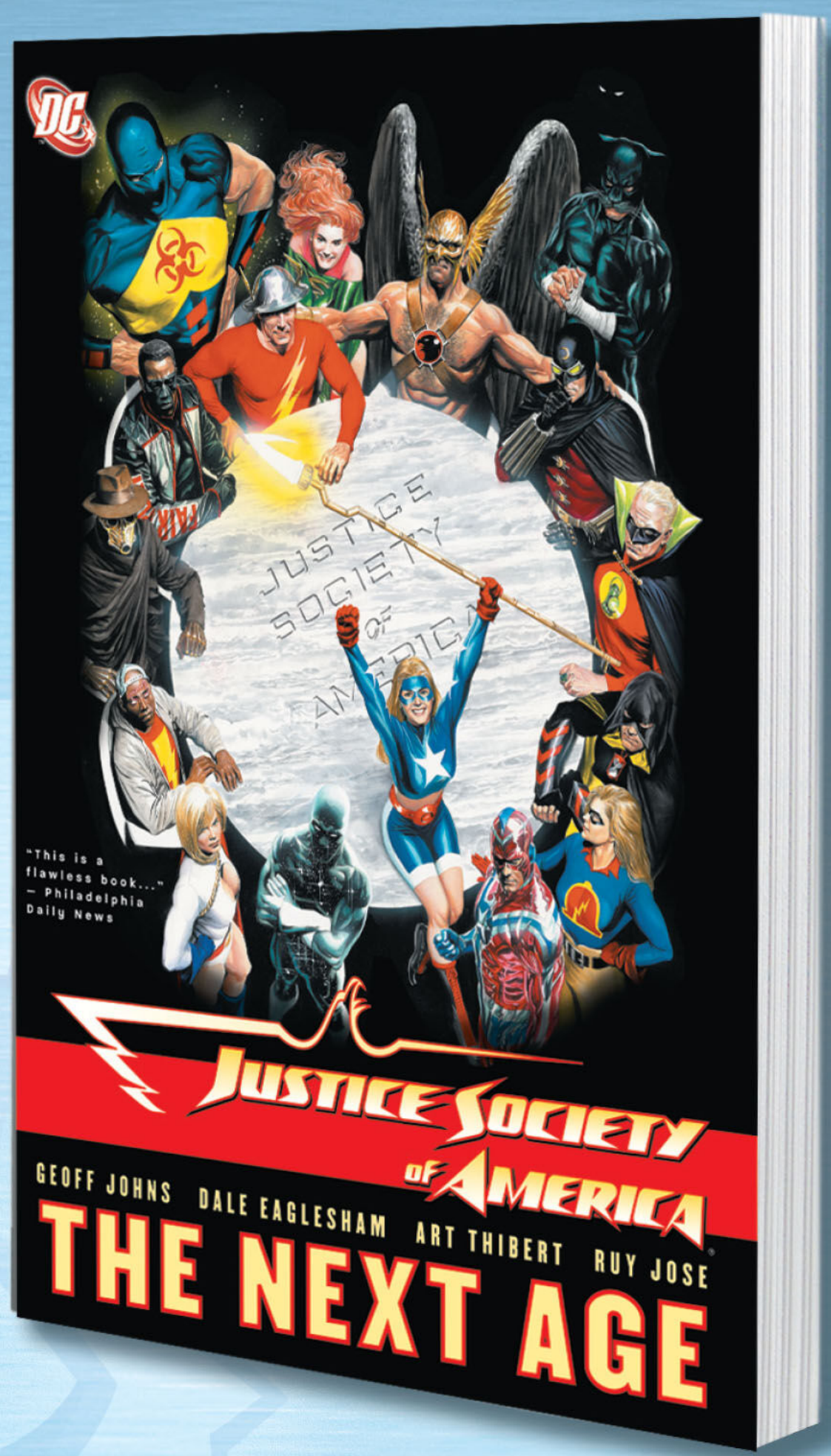

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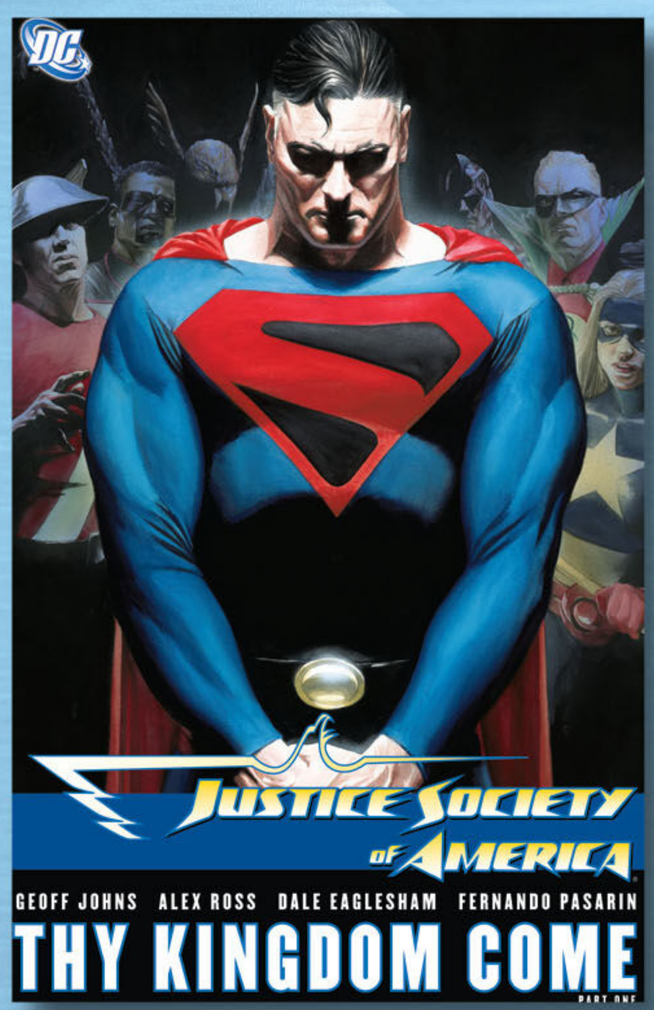

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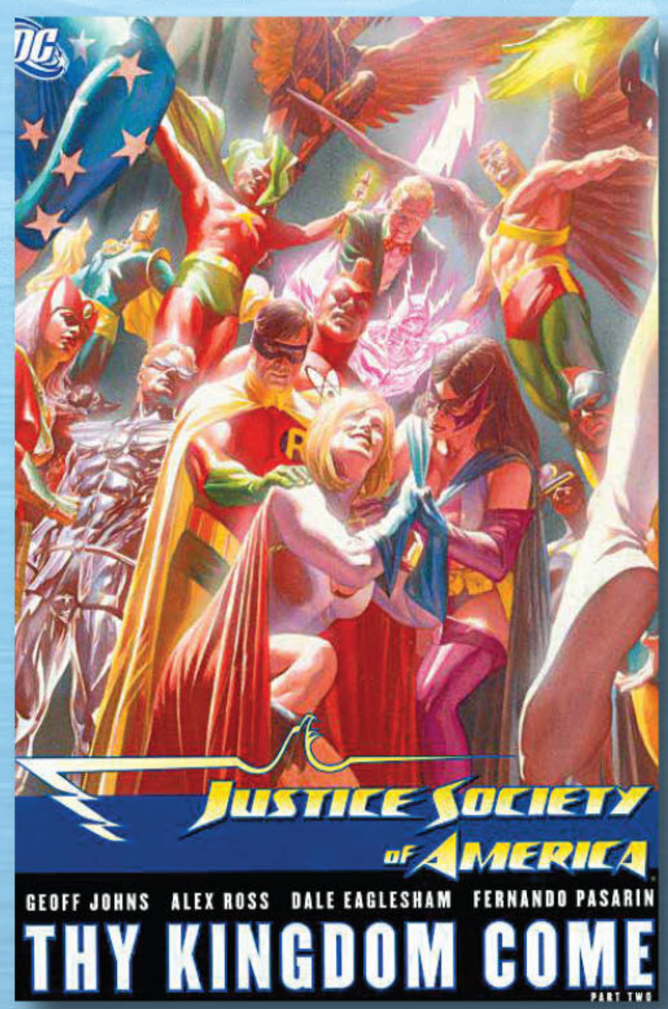

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